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General Supervision System:

The systems that are in place to ensure that IDEA Part B requirements are met, e.g., monitoring, dispute resolution, etc.

MONITORING

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), Office of Statewide Monitoring, revised its monitoring of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B programs. The LDOE's monitoring process is a model of Continuous Improvement Monitoring. The process now includes a tiered system of selection using a risk-based selection process, and more diverse, meaningful monitoring experiences. Through this revised process, LDOE will be able to uncover the root cause for systemic issues of non-compliance. The development and release of the comprehensive local education agency (LEA) self-monitoring tool, which includes submission of results to LDOE, was the newest addition to Louisiana's special education monitoring. This data-driven differentiated system of monitoring helped elevate and target areas that directly impact student performance and serves as a major component of the State's overall General Supervision structure.

The primary focus of the State's monitoring activities will be on: (1) improving educational results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities; and (2) ensuring that Louisiana meets the program requirements under IDEA Part B, with a particular emphasis on those requirements that are most closely related to improving educational results for children with disabilities.

Annually, LDOE will engage in a risk-based selection process to determine which LEAs will be monitored and what type of monitoring will occur. Factors considered during the monitoring selection process may include one or more of the following components: LEA Determinations, federally required compliance indicators, performance indicators, state complaints, fiscal audits, and/or other agency established goals and priorities such as those identified in the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP).

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

LDOE is committed to assisting schools and parents in their efforts to resolve disagreements in the least adversarial manner possible. Therefore, LDOE has developed several processes, including those described below, for resolving disagreements about the provision of a free appropriate public education, payment for services obtained, or a child's eligibility, evaluation, level of services, or placement.

IEP FACILITATION

IEP facilitation is available to parents and school districts. Typically, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Facilitator is brought in when parents and school district staff are having difficulties communicating with one another regarding the needs of the student. The IEP Facilitator assists in creating an atmosphere for fair communication and also oversees the successful drafting of an IEP for the student. Either the parent or the school district can request IEP facilitation; however, since the process is voluntary, both sides must agree to participate. The process can be initiated by request to the Legal Division of the State Department of Education, and the service is provided at no cost to the parent or the school district.

INFORMAL COMPLAINTS/EARLY RESOLUTION PROCESS

Parents of children with disabilities may file informal complaints. The implementation of the informal complaint/Early Resolution Process (ERP) draws on the traditional model of parents and school districts working cooperatively in the educational interest of children to achieve their shared goals of meeting the educational needs of students with disabilities.

FORMAL COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

A parent, adult student, individual, or organization may file a signed written complaint with LDOE to begin a formal complaint investigation. Formal administrative complaints procedures are developed under the supervisory jurisdiction of the LDOE to address

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) allegations that a school district is violating a requirement of Part B of the IDEA.

MEDIATION

Mediation is available to resolve a disagreement between parents and the school districts regarding the identification, evaluation, placement, services, or the provision of a FAPE to a child with a disability. Parents or school districts may request mediation before, at the same time, or after requesting a due process hearing or complaint investigation. Requesting mediation will not prevent or delay a due process hearing or complaint investigation, and participating in mediation will not impair or waive any other rights of parents.

Mediation is a method for discussing and resolving disagreements between parents and school districts with the help of an impartial third person who has been trained in effective mediation techniques. Mediation is a voluntary process, and all parties must agree to participate in order for the mediation session to occur. The mediation sessions are scheduled in a timely manner and held in a location that is convenient to the parties in the dispute. Mediation services are provided by LDOE at no cost to parents and school districts.

A mediator does not make decisions; instead, he or she facilitates discussion and decision-making. The discussions in a mediation session are confidential and may not be used as evidence in subsequent due process hearings or civil court proceedings. If the mediation process results in full or partial agreement, the mediator will prepare a written mediation agreement that must be signed by both parties. In addition to describing agreements made in the course of mediation, the mediation agreement will state that all discussions that occurred during the mediation are confidential and may not be used as evidence in a due process hearing or civil court proceeding. The signed agreement shall be legally binding on both parties and enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

DUE PROCESS HEARING

Only the parent of a child with a disability, an attorney representing the parent, or a school district may request a due process hearing regarding a student with a disability. A due process hearing is a formal proceeding in which evidence is presented to an administrative law judge (ALJ) to resolve a dispute between the parents of a child with a disability and the school district regarding the identification, evaluation, eligibility, or placement of or the provision of a free appropriate public education to a child with a disability.

A request for a due process hearing must be made within one year of the date that the alleged action forming the basis of the hearing request was known or should have been known. This one-year limit does not apply if the parents were prevented from requesting the hearing because the school district specifically misrepresented that it had resolved the problem or the school district withheld pertinent information that it was required to provide under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

Once a request for a hearing is received, LDOE will issue an acknowledgement of receipt and forward the request to the Division of Administrative Law, an independent state agency that conducts due process hearings for LDOE. The Division of Administrative Law will assign an ALJ to the case, and he or she will be provided with a copy of the hearing request. Otherwise, the request remains confidential. The ALJ will then coordinate a prehearing conference to discuss the hearing process and establish a schedule for activities related to the hearing.

RESOLUTION MEETING PROCESS

The school district is required to convene a resolution meeting within 15 days of receipt of a request for a due process hearing. If the parent and the school district have not resolved the due process complaint within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request, the due process hearing timeline begins. The 45-calendar-day timeline for issuing a final decision begins at the expiration of the 30 calendar-day resolution period. The parent and the school district may agree in writing to waive the resolution session or to use the mediation process instead of conducting a resolution meeting. If the resolution session is waived, the 45 day hearing timeline begins on the date of the waiver.

DUE PROCESS HEARING PROCEDURES

The parties will not be able to raise issues at the hearing that were not included in the hearing request, unless the other parties agree to allow the addition of new issues.

Before the hearing, the parent is entitled to a copy of the child's educational record, including all tests and reports upon which the school's proposed action is based. In addition, at least 5 business days before the date of the hearing, the parent and the school district must disclose to each other the evaluations each intends to use in the hearing. Specifically, copies of all evaluations and recommendations based on those evaluations must be exchanged by that deadline. If either the parent or the school district fails to make these disclosures on time, the ALJ may bar the evidence from the hearing. If an evaluation is underway and has not been completed, it is necessary to inform each other and the ALJ.

The decision of the ALJ is made on substantive grounds based on a determination whether the school provided the child with a free appropriate public education. An ALJ will issue a written decision and order in any due process complaint involving the identification (child find), evaluation, eligibility determination, educational placement, and/or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for a student with a disability. An ALJ's decision on whether a school provided a student with a disability FAPE is made considering substantive grounds or procedural violations. If the request for a hearing includes or is based on alleged procedural violations, the ALJ may find that the child did not receive a free appropriate public education only if s/he finds that the procedural violations occurred and they:

- · significantly impeded the parent's opportunity to participate in the decision-making process regarding the provision of free appropriate public education; or
- deprived the child of educational benefits.

As part of his or her decision and order, the ALJ may order the school district to comply with the procedural requirements.

The independent hearing officer must conduct the hearing and mail the parent and the school district a written decision within 45 calendar days from the end of the resolution period. The 45-day timeline may be extended if the ALJ grants a request for a specific extension of time from the parent or the school district.

The ALJ's decision is final, and the orders must be implemented unless the parent or the school district files a civil action in State or Federal court of competent jurisdiction within 90 days of receipt of the notification of the findings and decision of the hearing officer.

LDOE is responsible for the costs of conducting the hearing. Both parties are responsible for the costs of their participation in the hearing (e.g., witness fees, attorney's fees, costs of copying documents, etc.).

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Technical Assistance System:

The mechanisms that the State has in place to ensure the timely delivery of high quality, evidenced based technical assistance and support to LEAs.

LOUISIANA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

LDOE employs two primary mechanisms to provide technical assistance that ensures the timely delivery of high quality, evidence based technical assistance and support to LEAs: field support and planning resources.

FIELD SUPPORT

Network Structure

The network structure is the primary support vehicle for districts, providing immediate, targeted assistance to all of Louisiana's LEAs. Louisiana's parishes are divided into three networks plus a charter school network. Networks are organized by geography, size and existing relationships. Each network has a network support team that includes a Point of Contact. These leaders assess the unique needs and approaches of their districts and build upon those strengths to support implementation of instructional reforms. They are also the LEA's primary point of contact, and they answer all programmatic questions—including IDEA-related questions. They also review and approve applications and prepare districts for audits and monitoring.

Network leaders and teams facilitate regular meetings with school districts to discuss what is working in classrooms statewide and what processes need further refinement. Network staff works side by side with district and school level administrators to regularly observe practices at the school level, fostering alignment on quality instructional practices and effective feedback. Their work will include analyzing student and teacher data on which to base feedback and recommendations; providing technical assistance in determining the best evaluation systems and curriculum; and assisting districts in the transition to new evaluation and assessment systems.

Teacher Leaders

This program supports a cohort of 5,000 LEA-selected staff that receives training and ongoing support from LDOE, and serves as the chief liaisons between the LDOE and the School Implementation Teams. Teacher Leaders receive a variety of resources and training throughout the school year. This training includes: 1) Annual Teacher Leader Summit – a two-day conference that kicks off instructional planning for the following school year; 2) Teacher Leader Collaboration Events – quarterly meetings held in locations throughout the state that provide Teacher Leaders with ongoing professional development and support; 3) Summer Content Institutes – a variety of trainings over the summer that equip Teach Leaders with content-specific support; and 4) Virtual Support – a variety of supports including virtual book clubs, a monthly newsletter, and a free online collaboration site. Teacher Leaders leverage this professional development and support within their schools, not only through training and monitoring, but also through modeling lessons and instructional strategies and by encouraging data analysis to inform instruction. During the 2014-2015 school year, LDOE expanded Teacher Leaders to incorporate targeted resources and content specifically for special education professionals including teachers, guidance counselors and special education directors. By leveraging this successful statewide program with the special education population. Louisiana is able provide access to high-quality professional development and support that helps all students achieve.

PLANNING RESOURCES

LDOE provides LEAs with robust, forward-focused assistance through a variety of planning resources. These include:

District Planning Guide defines the most important work Louisiana LEAs will take on in the course of the school year. The guide catalogs all the major decisions LEAs will make to plan for the next school year, and it catalogs all the resources the Department will share with Page 4 of 52

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districts to support this planning. The 2016 – 2017 school year guide is divided into five focus sections: 1)preparing children for kindergarten, 2) developing high-quality instruction in every classroom, 4) creating a path to prosperity for every student.

<u>District Planning Calls</u> are scheduled throughout the school year to discuss topics and resources in the District Planning Guide with district planning teams. These calls provide continuous, ongoing support to LEA superintendents, as well as senior staff in technology, assessment and curriculum. During these calls, LDOE provides more in-depth support, fields questions in real time, and integrates high-priority policies and other topics. In FFY 2015, LDOE regularly integrated support for special education professionals including training and policy guidance on high cost services, the SSIP, Louisiana's Act 833 – alternative pathways to promotion and graduation, and other priorities.

More information on LDOE's District Support Structure can be found on LDOE's website:

http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/classroom-support-toolbox/district-support-toolbox/district-network-support-structure

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Professional Development System:

The mechanisms the State has in place to ensure that service providers have the skills to effectively provide services that improve results for students with disabilities.

EDUCATOR-FOCUSED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

LDOE believes that those closest to students, educators and parents, are best positioned to support students and thus the implementation of the standards. Given this belief, LDOE invests in support by providing educators with resources and training so that they can make local, empowered decisions to support their unique students. LDOE's direct-to-teacher strategy is building capacity around strong English language arts (ELA) and math content knowledge to fill those structures. Below, LDOE's support structure is described, focusing on key components of professional development including resources and direct support.

RESOURCES

<u>Teacher Toolbox</u>: This central resource hub houses all of the key resources teachers need in a one stop shop. This toolbox was created with the support of educators from across the state. It is built from the perspective of a teacher and the key steps they take to teach students. All resources and tools released from the LDOE are integrated and connect to help teachers take these key actions.

<u>Curriculum Guides</u>: LDOE created a robust set of instructional tools for math and ELA. The ELA guidebooks contain a full set of unit plans to build a complete curriculum for K-12 educators. In math, the guidebooks are meant to be a supplement to any program. They support teachers as they work to provide students tasks and appropriately remediate.

<u>Video Library</u>: This library houses instructional videos that illustrate quality instruction connected to Louisiana's Compass instructional rubric, bringing its instructional expectations to life. This library is regularly updated and includes guides to help teachers and principals use the videos for instructional improvement.

<u>Assessment Tools</u>: Assessment guides, sample tests, and other tools help teachers to understand how students will be assessed on the standards. These tools prepare teachers to set strong goals for student mastery of the standards and align their instruction accordingly.

<u>High School Student Planning Guidebook</u>: This guidebook is a series of short documents showing administrators, counselors, and teachers how to use key policies, programs, and resources to help both students and schools achieve their goals.

For more information on resources available to Louisiana educators, please visit LDOE's website:

http://www.louisianabelieves.com/

DIRECT SUPPORT

Direct support ensures that teachers are able to use the quality resources and implement the standards successfully in their classroom. In Louisiana, our direct support goes directly to the teacher level. While districts and principals take on a significant amount of teacher training and support, LDOE provides an intense amount of direct training and support.

<u>Teacher Leaders</u>: This cadre of over 5,000 teachers represents every district and school in the state. This cadre ensures that every school has a series of experts on the standards and curricular tools. This provides principals and districts capacity. These Teacher Leaders support districts and schools as they work to train and support teachers in their districts. All materials are posted publicly so that Teacher Leaders and others are able to use all training materials for other teachers in their schools and districts.

<u>Blended training</u>: Louisiana Teacher Leaders receive a significant amount of training throughout the year. LDOE has learned that teachers need different types of training to support their varied needs. Thus, LDOE provides intensive, blended training throughout the

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entire school year. Each layer of training provides support in a different area of need for educators.

- <u>Content training (in person)</u>: In person is often the most effective forum for content based training. To support Teacher Leaders, the LDOE hosts over 10,000 seats of training during the year. In June of each year the entire 5,000 educator cadre comes together for a two day ELA and math training. This is followed by content institutes throughout the year.
- Resource/curricula use (virtual): LDOE hosts grade specific math and ELA bi-monthly webinars. These webinars break down upcoming weeks of lessons, help teachers adjust plans based on student needs, and share resources among other teachers.
- Ongoing improvement (collaboration): LDOE hosts in-person regional collaborations led by expert and trained teacher advisers. These regional collaborations provide space throughout the year for teachers to reflect on student work, identify areas for improvement, and share resources.

<u>EdModo Collaboration</u>: This online forum provides an immediate place to go to find and share resources across the state. Thousands of teachers use this site weekly to share resources, ask teacher questions, and support others. LDOE monitors this site and pulls high quality resources to key folders to ensure quality for others.

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Stakeholder Involvement: apply this to all Part B results indicators

The mechanism for soliciting broad stakeholder input on targets in the SPP, including revisions to targets.

Louisiana has developed a comprehensive vision for the future of education in our state—Louisiana Believes. The driving force of this vision is that every one of Louisiana's children should be on track to a college degree or a professional career. This inclusive vision and Louisiana's values were apparent in the development of the SPP as we solicited and received broad stakeholder input to inform the target setting process for FFY 2013 - FFY 2018. The FFY 2013 SPP/APR describes the three phases: 1) internal review and vetting process, 2) external stakeholder feedback, and 3) Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) integration in depth. Since the target setting process was completed during FFY 2013, LDOE has revisited targets to determine if revisions were needed for the FFY 2015 SPP/APR submission on February 1, 2017. LDOE plans to make revisions to its targets for Indicator 17, the SSIP due on April 3, 2017. LDOE will continue to monitor data, targets, and changes to Indicator methodology, and may revise targets in the future, as necessary. Any revisions will incorporate stakeholder feedback, including, but not limited to, SEAP.

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Reporting to the Public:

How and where the State reported to the public on the FFY 2014 performance of each LEA located in the State on the targets in the SPP/APR as soon as practicable, but no later than 120 days following the State's submission of its FFY 2014 APR, as required by 34 CFR §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A); and a description of where, on its Web site, a complete copy of the State's SPP, including any revision if the State has revised the SPP that it submitted with its FFY 2014 APR in 2016, is available.

LDOE reports annually to the public on the performance of each LEA on the targets in the SPP/APR by posting a "Performance Profile" on LDOE's website. LDOE also links to a complete copy of the State's SPP, including any revisions. For more information, please click on the following web link and locate the sections titled "Students with Disabilities: Performance Profiles" and "State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report", respectively.

https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academics

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response

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In the State's 2016 determination letter, the Department advised the State of available sources of technical assistance, including OSEP-funded technical assistance centers, and required the State to work with appropriate

The Department directed the State to determine the results elements and/or compliance indicators, and improvement strategies, on which it will focus its use of available technical assistance, in order to improve its performance.

The State must report, with its FFY 2015 SPP/APR submission, due February 1, 2017, on: (1) the technical assistance sources from which the State received assistance; and (2) the actions the State took as a result of that technical assistance.

Responses to actions required in FFY 2014 response

OSEP Response

The State's determinations for both 2015 and 2016 were Needs Assistance. Pursuant to section 616(e)(1) of the IDEA and 34 C.F.R. § 300.604(a), OSEP's June 28, 2016 determination letter informed the State that it must report with its FFY 2015 SPP/APR submission, due February 1, 2016, on: (1) the technical assistance sources from which the State received assistance; and (2) the actions the State took as a result of that technical assistance. The State provided the required information.

Required Actions

The State's IDEA Part B determination for both 2016 and 2017 is Needs Assistance. In the State's 2017 determination letter, the Department advised the State of available sources of technical assistance, including OSEP-funded technical assistance centers, and required the State to work with appropriate entities. The Department directed the State to determine the results elements and/or compliance indicators, and improvement strategies, on which it will focus its use of available technical assistance, in order to improve its performance. The State must report, with its FFY 2016 SPP/APR submission, due February 1, 2018, on: (1) the technical assistance sources from which the State received assistance; and (2) the actions the State took as a result of that technical assistance.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 1: Graduation

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of youth with IEPs graduating from high school with a regular diploma. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2011

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			18.00%	19.00%	25.00%	25.00%	40.67%	50.00%	61.00%	38.00%	40.00%
Data		13.60%	17.70%	17.10%	35.30%	34.30%	30.30%	29.30%	32.96%	36.70%	42.80%

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FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	42.00%	44.00%	46.00%	48.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2014-15 Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate (EDFacts file spec C151; Data group 696)	10/4/2016	Number of youth with IEPs graduating with a regular diploma	1,873	
SY 2014-15 Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate (EDFacts file spec C151; Data group 696)	10/4/2016	Number of youth with IEPs eligible to graduate	4,227	null
SY 2014-15 Regulatory Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (EDFacts file spec C150; Data group 695)	10/4/2016	2014-15 Regulatory four-year adjusted-cohort graduation rate table	44.30%	Calculate

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth with IEPs in the current year's adjusted cohort graduating with a regular diploma	Number of youth with IEPs in the current year's adjusted cohort eligible to graduate	FFY 2014 Data	FFY 2015 Target	FFY 2015 Data
1,873	4,227	42.80%	42.00%	44.30%

Graduation Conditions Field

Provide the four-year graduation cohort rate. The four-year graduation rate follows a cohort, or a group of students, who begin as first-time 9th graders in a particular school year and who graduate with a regular high school diploma in four years or less. An extended-year graduation rate follows the same cohort of students for an additional year or years. The cohort is "adjusted" by adding any students transferring into the cohort and by subtracting any students who transfer out, emigrate to another country, or die during the years covered by the rate.

Under 34 C.F.R. §200.19(b)(1)(iv), a "regular high school diploma" means the standard high school diploma awarded to students in a State that is fully aligned with the State's academic content standards and does not include a GED credential, certificate of attendance, or any alternative award. The term "regular high school diploma" also includes a "higher diploma" that is awarded to students who complete requirements above and beyond what is required for a regular diploma.

Students in Louisiana can pursue two pathways to a Louisiana high school diploma, either the University pathway or a Career pathway. The TOPS University pathway requires that students earn 24 credits. The Jump Start TOPS Tech pathway requires that students earn 23 credits. Both options are available to students with IEPs.

Louisiana also has a graduation waiver process for students with IEPs. Students with IEPs who have passed two of the three required components of the exit examinations and have exhausted all opportunities available to pass the remaining component may apply for a Senior Waiver. The waiver process allows the

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OSEP Response			
Required Actions			

FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) state to waive one required component of the exit examinations if LDOE determines that the student's

disability significantly impacts his or her ability to pass required assessments.

means of demonstrating proficiency.

Act 833 of Louisiana's 2014 legislative session gives students with disabilities who have persistent academic challenges due to their disabilities the ability to pursue an alternative pathway to a high school diploma. The law can be implemented in compliance with federal and state law, provided that students remain able to access the traditional diploma and curriculum requirements, even as they use alternate

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) **Indicator 2: Drop Out**

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of youth with IEPs dropping out of high school. (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2011

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target≤			25.00%	23.00%	21.00%	21.00%	18.60%	16.70%	25.00%	35.00%	34.00%
Data		22.99%	28.97%	29.90%	12.20%	11.20%	6.00%	37.00%	39.15%	33.96%	27.61%

Gray - Data Prior to Baseline Yellow - Baseline Blue - Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≤	33.00%	30.00%	27.00%	25.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2014-15 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C009; Data Group 85)	6/7/2016	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by graduating with a regular high school diploma (a)	1,988	null
SY 2014-15 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C009; Data Group 85)	6/7/2016	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by receiving a certificate (b)	747	null
SY 2014-15 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C009; Data Group 85)	6/7/2016	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education by reaching maximum age (c)	51	null
SY 2014-15 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C009; Data Group 85)	6/7/2016	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to dropping out (d)	1,097	null
SY 2014-15 Exiting Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C009; Data Group 85)	6/7/2016	Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education as a result of death (e.)	31	null

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to dropping out [d]	Total number of all youth with IEPs who left high school (ages 14-21) [a + b + c + d + e]	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
1,097	3,914	27.61%	33.00%	28.03%

Actions	required	in	EEV	2017	response
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OSEP Response

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 3A: Districts Meeting AYP/AMO for Disability Subgroup

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on Statewide assessments:

- A. Percent of the districts with a disability subgroup that meets the State's minimum "n" size that meet the State's AYP/AMO targets for the disability subgroup.
- B. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level, modified and alternate academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			70.00%	73.50%	75.50%	80.00%	85.00%	87.50%	87.50%	100%	100%
Data		74.60%	54.60%	56.80%	72.10%	64.70%	50.00%	51.10%	55.80%	40.28%	

Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	100%	100%	100%	100%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Does your State have an ESEA Flexibility Waiver of determining AYP?

Yes

 No

Are you reporting AYP or AMO?

Number of districts in the State	Number of districts that met the minimum "n" size	Number of districts that meet the minimum "n" size AND met AMO	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
175	null	null		100%	

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 3B: Participation for Students with IEPs

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on Statewide assessments:

- A. Percent of the districts with a disability subgroup that meets the State's minimum "n" size that meet the State's AYP/AMO targets for the disability subgroup.
- B. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level, modified and alternate academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

	Group Name	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Reading	A Overall 20	2005	Target≥			98.71%	97.75%	98.70%	98.70%	98.75%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%
Rea			Data		99.19%	99.35%	99.40%	99.30%	99.70%	99.40%	99.20%	99.50%	99.04%	97.60%
ath	А	0005	Target≥			98.68%	98.70%	98.70%	98.70%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%
Ĕ	Overall	2005	Data		99.16%	99.31%	99.30%	99.20%	99.70%	99.30%	99.10%	99.50%	98.96%	97.47%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

	FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Reading	A ≥ Overall	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%
Math	A ≥ Overall	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%	98.80%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs	Number of Children with IEPs Participating	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A Overall	41,986	41,363	97.60%	98.80%	98.52%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

Group Name	Number of Children with IEPs	Number of Children with IEPs Participating	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A Overall	42,124	41,476	97.47%	98.80%	98.46%

Public Reporting Information

Provide links to the page(s) where you provide public reports of assessment results.

Louisiana reports comprehensively on students with disabilities. Subgroup data are reported on every school and district report: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/data/reportcards/

Louisiana's 2% assessment was phased out. Louisiana's Spring 2016 LEAP criterion-referenced test reports on state, district, and school achievement levels, and is inclusive of all students. http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/test-results/spring-2016-state-district-and-school-achievement-level-summaryxlsx?sfvrsn=5

Louisiana's Special Education Data Profile (2015-2016) includes statewide assessment tables including 10 student with disabilities assessment participation for both the regular and LAA 1 (1%) assessments, 2) students with disabilities basic/good and above on regular assessments, percent by grade and subject, and 3) students with disabilities who met or exceeded standards on the LAA 1 assessment.

 $\underline{\text{http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/2015-16-special-education-data-profile.pdf?sfvrsn=4}\\$

FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
LDOE's "Measuring Results" and "Data Center" web links report on K-12 assessments, and school and student results, including School and District Report Cards, School and District Performance Scores, and Closing the Equity Gap.

Measuring Results homepage: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/assessment Data Center: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/data-center

LDOE's Academic Center for Students with Disabilities, including Performance Profiles:

http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academics

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

Mathematics assessment participati	on data by	grade									
Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	HS
a. Children with IEPs	6617	6550	6381	6323	5698	5706		4849			
b. IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations	1388	987	684	565	470	410		161			
c. IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations	4633	4830	5015	4935	4264	4251		3555			
d. IEPs in alternate assessment against grade-level standards											
e. IEPs in alternate assessment against modified standards											
f. IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards	536	679	634	782	909	971		817			
Reading assessment participation d	, ,		_		_		•	40		12	нѕ
Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	нъ
a. Children with IEPs	6619	6552	6381	6330	5703	5711		4690			
b. IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations	4639	4838	5026	4989	4273	4245		3433			
c. IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations	1381	979	674	519	469	420		111			
d. IEPs in alternate assessment against grade-level standards											
e. IEPs in alternate assessment against modified standards											
. IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards	542	682	637	787	911	978		830			

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

OSEP Response

The State did not provide a Web link demonstrating that the State reported publicly on the participation of children with disabilities on statewide assessments with the same frequency and in the same detail as it reports on the assessments of nondisabled children, as required by 34 CFR §300.160(f). Specifically, the State has not reported the number of children with disabilities participating in regular assessments, and the number of those children who were provided accommodations (that did not result in an invalid score) in order to participate in those assessments at the district and school levels. The failure to publicly report as required under 34 CFR §300.160(f) is noncompliance.

Required Actions

Within 90 days of the receipt of the State's 2017 determination letter, the State must provide to OSEP a Web link that demonstrates that it has reported, for FFY 2015, to the public, on the statewide assessments of children with disabilities in accordance with 34 CFR §300.160(f). In addition, OSEP reminds the State that in the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, the State must include a Web link that demonstrates compliance with 34 CFR §300.160(f) for FFY 2016.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 3C: Proficiency for Students with IEPs

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Participation and performance of children with IEPs on Statewide assessments:

- A. Percent of the districts with a disability subgroup that meets the State's minimum "n" size that meet the State's AYP/AMO targets for the disability subgroup.
- B. Participation rate for children with IEPs.
- C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level, modified and alternate academic achievement standards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

	Group Name	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Reading	A	2008	Target≥					53.50%	53.50%	65.20%	68.40%	68.40%	37.00%	37.00%
Rea	Overall	2006	Data					33.50%	35.20%	35.40%	36.80%	38.90%	36.98%	36.64%
Math	Α	2008	Target≥					57.90%	57.90%	68.40%	65.20%	65.20%	37.70%	37.70%
ž	Overall	2006	Data					36.50%	38.40%	37.00%	38.30%	37.80%	40.32%	33.96%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

	FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Reading	A ≥ Overall	38.00%	39.00%	41.00%	43.00%
Math	A ≥ Overall	38.70%	39.70%	40.70%	41.70%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data: Reading Assessment

Group Name	Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned	Number of Children with IEPs Proficient	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A Overall	41,986	16,041	36.64%	38.00%	38.21%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data: Math Assessment

	Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned	Number of Children with IEPs Proficient	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A Overall	42,124	15,191	33.96%	38.70%	36.06%

Public Reporting Information

Provide links to the page(s) where you provide public reports of assessment results.

Louisiana reports comprehensively on students with disabilities. Subgroup data are reported on every school and district report: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/data/reportcards/

Louisiana's 2% assessment was phased out. Louisiana's Spring 2016 LEAP criterion-referenced test reports on state, district, and school achievement levels, and is inclusive of all students. http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/test-results/spring-2016-state-district-and-school-achievement-level-summary.xlsx?sfvrsn=5

Louisiana's Special Education Data Profile (2015-2016) includes statewide assessment tables including 10 student with disabilities assessment participation for both the regular and LAA 1 (1%) assessments, 2) students

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) with disabilities basic/good and above on regular assessments, percent by grade and subject, and 3) students with disabilities who met or exceeded standards on the LAA 1 assessment.

http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/2015-16-special-education-data-profile.pdf?sfvrsn=4

LDOE's "Measuring Results" and "Data Center" web links report on K-12 assessments, and school and student results, including School and District Report Cards, School and District Performance Scores, and Closing the Equity Gap.

Measuring Results homepage: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/assessment

Data Center: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/data-center

LDOE's Academic Center for Students with Disabilities, including Performance Profiles:

http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academics

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional) Reading assessment proficiency data by grade HS Grade a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned b. IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level c. IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level d. IEPs in alternate assessment against grade-level standards scored at or above proficient against grade level e. IEPs in alternate assessment against modified standards scored at or above proficient against grade level f. IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards scored at or above proficient against grade level Mathematics assessment proficiency data by grade Grade HS a. Children with IEPs who received a valid score and a proficiency was assigned b. IEPs in regular assessment with no accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level c. IEPs in regular assessment with accommodations scored at or above proficient against grade level d. IEPs in alternate assessment against grade-level standards scored at or above proficient against grade level e. IEPs in alternate assessment against modified standards scored at or above proficient against grade level f. IEPs in alternate assessment against alternate standards scored at or above proficient against grade level

Actions required in FFY 2014 response		
none		
OSEP Response		
Required Actions		

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 4A: Suspension/Expulsion

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Rates of suspension and expulsion:

- A. Percent of districts that have a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and
- B. Percent of districts that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≤			21.50%	19.00%	19.00%	16.50%	13.90%	11.40%	7.00%	23.50%	21.50%
Data		26.50%	29.20%	18.80%	33.33%	16.00%	18.40%	27.30%	25.00%	31.54%	16.86%

Key:

Gray – Data Prior to Baseline

Yellow - Baseline

Blue - Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target≤	19.50%	17.50%	15.50%	13.50%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Please indicate the type of denominator provided

Number of districts in the State

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size

Number of districts that have a significant discrepancy	Number of districts in the State	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
24	161	16.86%	19.50%	14.91%

Choose one of the following comparison methodologies to determine whether significant discrepancies are occurring (34 CFR §300.170(a)):

Compare the rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs among LEAs in the State

🦱 The rates of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs in each LEA compared to the rates for nondisabled children in the same LEA

State's definition of "significant discrepancy" and methodology

Louisiana has defined significant discrepancy as the percent of students with disabilities who were suspended or expelled for greater than 10 days, 1.5 times greater than the state average, not to exceed 3%. Since the state uses percentages, there is no minimum n-size. Thus, all LEAs were included in the calculation. For the FFY 2014 APR submission, the state average was 1.03. Thus, any LEA whose percentage was greater than 1.55% was identified as having a significant discrepancy.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

The FFY 2015 APR generally reflects data from school year 2015 – 2016. During school year 2015-2016, Louisiana had 175 LEAs across the state. However, indicators 4A and 4B reflect data from school year 2014 – 2015. Further, a small number of LEAs were closed at the end of school year 2014 – 2015, other LEAs were opened in school year 2015 – 2016, and some LEAs do not serve special education students. These LEAs were not included in the indicator 4A / 4B denominator. This allows to LDOE report more accurate, valid and reliable data.

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

FFY 2014 Identification of Noncompliance

Review of Policies, Procedures, and Practices (completed in FFY 2015 using 2014-2015 data)

Description of review

For each of the LEAs the state identified as having a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions or expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs, LDOE completed the following process:

- 1. LEAs identified with significant discrepancies were required to establish a team of personnel involved in disciplinary actions for students with disabilities to complete a self-review of the LEAs discipline policies, procedures and practices. LEAs reviewed areas including:
- a. The LEAs code of conduct;
- b. The referral and evaluation process for students suspected of having a disability:
- c. The development of IEPs for students whose behavior impedes the child's learning, including the use of PBIS or other strategies to address the child's behavior;
- d. The LEAs general procedures for disciplinary removal for students with disabilities;
- e. The procedures for conducting a manifestation determination; and
- f. The procedures for conducting a functional behavioral assessment and the development of a behavioral intervention plan.
- 2. LEAs that were discrepant were required to use a self-review instrument to review and, if necessary, revise their policies, practices, and procedures with regard to the implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavior interventions and procedural safeguards and submit a plan of action to the LDOE.
- 3. LDOE reviewed the self-review rubric for compliance with IDEA discipline requirements. If any rubrics indicated noncompliance with IDEA discipline requirements, LDOE issued a finding of noncompliance.
- 4. To demonstrate correction of the identified noncompliance, each LEA must:
- a. Revise their noncompliant policies, procedures and practices through training and revision of appropriate forms; and
- b. Demonstrate that they are correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements, through the review of state records from a subsequent reporting period.
- 5. The State reports on the verification of correction of this noncompliance, consistent with OSEP Memo 09-02, in the FFY 2014 APR, due February 1, 2016.
- The State DID NOT identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b)
- The State DID identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b). If YES, select one of the following:

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
null	null	null	0

OSEP Response

Required Actions

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 4B: Suspension/Expulsion

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Compliance indicator: Rates of suspension and expulsion:

- A. Percent of districts that have a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and
- B. Percent of districts that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A); 1412(a)(22))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2009

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data						0%	0%	0%	5.00%	5.13%	1.16%

ey: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Please indicate the type of denominator provided

Number of districts in the State

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size

Number of districts that have a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity	Number of those districts that have policies, procedures, or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements	Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
12	0	161	1.16%	0%	0%

All races and ethnicities were included in the review

State's definition of "significant discrepancy" and methodology

Louisiana defined significant discrepancy for a particular race/ethnicity as the percent of all students with disabilities who were suspended or expelled for greater than 10 days at a rate 1.5 times greater than the state average not to exceed 3%. Additionally, in order to be significantly discrepant, there had to be more than one student in the race/ethnic group. As in the calculation for Indicator 4A, the state average was 1.03. Thus, any race/ethnic group whose percentage was greater than 1.55% and who had more than one student represented in the race/ethnic group was considered significantly discrepant.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

The FFY 2015 APR generally reflects data from school year 2015 – 2016. During school year 2015-2016, Louisiana had 175 LEAs across the state. However, indicators 4A and 4B reflect data from school year 2014 – 2015. Further, a small number of LEAs were closed at the end of school year 2014 – 2015, other LEAs were opened in school year 2015 – 2016, and some LEAs do not serve special education students. These LEAs were not included in the indicator 4A / 4B denominator. This allows to LDOE report more accurate, valid and reliable data.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

FFY 2014 Identification of Noncompliance

Review of Policies, Procedures, and Practices (completed in FFY 2015 using 2014-2015 data)

Description of review

For each of the LEAs the state identified as having a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions or expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs, LDOE completed the following process:

- 1. LEAs identified with significant discrepancies were required to establish a team of personnel involved in disciplinary actions for students with disabilities to complete a self-review of the LEAs discipline policies, procedures and practices. LEAs reviewed areas including:
- a. The LEA's code of conduct;
- b. The referral and evaluation process for students suspected of having a disability:
- c. The development of IEPs for students whose behavior impedes the child's learning, including the use of PBIS or other strategies to address the child's behavior;
- d. The LEA's general procedures for disciplinary removal for students with disabilities;
- e. The procedures for conducting a manifestation determination; and
- f. The procedures for conducting a functional behavioral assessment and the development of a behavioral intervention plan.
- 2. LEAs that were discrepant were required to use a self-review instrument to review and, if necessary, revise their policies, practices, and procedures with regard to the implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavior interventions and procedural safeguards and submit a plan of action to the LDOE.
- 3. LDOE reviewed the self-review rubric for compliance with IDEA discipline requirements. If any rubrics indicated noncompliance with IDEA discipline requirements, LDOE issued a finding of noncompliance.
- 4. To demonstrate correction of the identified noncompliance, each LEA must:
- a. Revise their noncompliant policies, procedures and practices through training and revision of appropriate forms; and
- b. Demonstrate that they are correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements, through the review of state records from a subsequent reporting period.
- 5. The State reports on the verification of correction of this noncompliance, consistent with OSEP Memo 09-02, in the FFY 2014 APR, due February 1, 2016.
- The State DID NOT identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b)
- The State DID identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b).

Describe how the State ensured that such policies, procedures, and practices were revised to comply with applicable requirements consistent with OSEP Memorandum 09-02, dated October 17, 2008.

Please see the descripton above for information on the review of policies, procedures and practices completed in the applicable federal fiscal year.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
2	2	0	0

FFY 2014 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

The LEAs with findings of noncompliance were informed that the noncompliance must be corrected as soon as possible but in no case greater than one year from the date of the issuance of the finding. The LEAs were informed that they were required to review their policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure that these policies, procedures, and practices comply with IDEA. LDOE maintained communication and technical assistance via teleconference calls and emails with the LEAs until noncompliance was corrected. The state verified that LEAs were correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirement(s) (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through monitoring or through the Special Education Reporting System (SER).

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

The LEAs with findings of noncompliance were informed that the noncompliance must be corrected as soon as possible but in no case greater than one year from the date of the issuance of the finding. The LEAs were informed that they were required to correct each individual case of noncompliance identified, unless the student was no longer under the jurisdiction of the LEA. The LEAs worked with LDOE staff through the regularly scheduled contacts to address the specific reason(s) of noncompliance. Through these phone calls, emails, and on-site technical assistance, LDOE verified correction of all individual cases of noncompliance.

OSEP Response

In the FFY 2015 data section for this indicator, the State reported that none of the districts identified with significant discrepancies, by race or ethnicity, had policies, procedures, or practices that contributed to the significant discrpancies and did not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, however, the State also selected the radio button to indicate that it did identify noncompliance with Part B requirements as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b).

Required Actions

In the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, the State must confirm that it DID NOT identify noncompliance as a result of its review of policies, procedures, and practices (completed in FFY 2015 using 2014-2015 data) as a result of the review required by 34 CFR §300.170(b).

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 5: Education Environments (children 6-21)

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 served:

- A. Inside the regular class 80% or more of the day;
- B. Inside the regular class less than 40% of the day; and
- C. In separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	2005	Target≥			57.76%	60.22%	62.69%	65.15%	67.61%	62.50%	62.50%	61.50%	62.00%
A	2005	Data		57.60%	57.99%	60.39%	61.30%	60.80%	61.10%	61.20%	62.40%	62.37%	61.34%
В		Target≤			16.11%	14.53%	12.94%	11.35%	9.76%	12.50%	12.50%	13.74%	13.70%
P	2005	Data		16.70%	15.71%	14.85%	14.30%	14.10%	13.70%	13.50%	14.02%	13.90%	14.31%
		Target≤			2.19%	2.17%	2.14%	2.11%	2.08%	1.80%	1.80%	1.31%	1.30%
'	2005	Data		1.90%	1.86%	1.74%	1.50%	1.40%	1.30%	1.30%	1.33%	1.36%	1.30%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target A ≥	62.50%	63.00%	63.50%	64.00%
Target B ≤	13.65%	13.60%	13.56%	13.50%
Target C ≤	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	Total number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21	73,791	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	A. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 inside the regular class 80% or more of the day	44,032	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	B. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 inside the regular class less than 40% of the day	10,266	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	c1. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 in separate schools	252	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	c2. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 in residential facilities	79	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C002; Data group 74)	7/14/2016	c3. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 in homebound/hospital placements	649	null

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

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	Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 served	Total number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 inside the regular class 80% or more of the day	44,032	73,791	61.34%	62.50%	59.67%
B. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 inside the regular class less than 40% of the day	10,266	73,791	14.31%	13.65%	13.91%
C. Number of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 inside separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements [c1+c2+c3]	980	73,791	1.30%	1.30%	1.33%

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Explanation of A Slippage

The Individuals with Disability Education Action (IDEA) gives students the right to a free and appropriate education that should take place in the least restrictive environment. Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams, which include parents, students (when appropriate), teachers, administrators and other professionals make a student-centered decision on the least restrictive environment. LDOE supports LEAs to ensure students with disabilities have access to the general education setting to the maximum extent possible by promoting training and resources on inclusive practices. LDOE's IDEA monitoring procedures focuses on least restrictive environment.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response	onse		
none			
OSEP Response			
Required Actions			

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 6: Preschool Environments

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs attending a:

- A. Regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program; and
- B. Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	2011	Target≥									25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
A	2011	Data								21.20%	23.90%	22.66%	24.29%
_	B 2011	Target≤									3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
В		Data								3.70%	3.20%	3.79%	3.54%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target A ≥	27.00%	27.00%	30.00%	31.00%
Target B ≤	3.00%	3.00%	2.90%	2.90%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C089; Data group 613)	7/14/2016	Total number of children with IEPs aged 3 through 5	10,430	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C089; Data group 613)	7/14/2016	a1. Number of children attending a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program	2,495	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C089; Data group 613)	7/14/2016	b1. Number of children attending separate special education class	358	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C089; Data group 613)	7/14/2016	b2. Number of children attending separate school	19	null
SY 2015-16 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups (EDFacts file spec C089; Data group 613)	7/14/2016	b3. Number of children attending residential facility	n	null

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

	Number of children with IEPs aged 3 through 5 attending	Total number of children with IEPs aged 3 through 5	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A. A regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program	2,495	10,430	24.29%	27.00%	23.92%
B. Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility	377	10,430	3.54%	3.00%	3.61%

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response		
none		
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Required Actions		

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) **Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes**

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who demonstrate improved:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
 B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

(20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
A1	2010	Target≥						32.00%	63.00%	63.50%	63.50%	63.50%	71.00%
AI	2010	Data					24.00%	63.42%	69.60%	70.50%	73.06%	71.53%	71.54%
A2	2010	Target≥						72.00%	67.50%	68.00%	68.00%	65.00%	65.00%
AZ	2010	Data					75.00%	67.57%	64.90%	63.90%	65.16%	64.97%	62.94%
B1	2010	Target≥						35.00%	63.00%	63.50%	63.50%	63.50%	72.00%
БІ	2010	Data					37.00%	63.01%	70.90%	71.20%	73.24%	72.06%	72.22%
B2	2010	Target≥						80.00%	57.50%	58.00%	58.00%	58.00%	58.00%
DZ	2010	Data					82.00%	57.84%	56.20%	55.50%	57.89%	58.45%	57.39%
C1	2010	Target≥						38.00%	70.50%	71.00%	71.00%	71.00%	75.00%
Ci	2010	Data					41.00%	70.63%	74.70%	75.00%	77.49%	75.76%	75.96%
C2	2010	Target≥						80.00%	74.00%	74.50%	74.50%	70.00%	70.00%
L 02	2010	Data					83.00%	74.31%	69.00%	69.00%	69.88%	69.77%	68.49%

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target A1 ≥	71.00%	71.50%	72.00%	72.50%
Target A2 ≥	65.00%	65.50%	66.00%	66.50%
Target B1 ≥	72.00%	72.50%	73.00%	73.50%
Target B2 ≥	58.00%	58.50%	59.00%	59.50%
Target C1 ≥	75.00%	75.50%	76.00%	76.50%
Target C2 ≥	70.00%	70.50%	71.00%	71.50%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs assessed 3474.00

Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	74.00	
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	610.00	
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	565.00	
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	1246.00	
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	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	979.00	

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (c+d)/(a+b+c+d)	1811.00	2495.00	71.54%	71.00%	72.59%
A2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome A by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)	2225.00	3474.00	62.94%	65.00%	64.05%

Outcome B: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication)

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	69.00	
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	675.00	
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	723.00	
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	1260.00	
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	747.00	

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
B1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome B, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (c+d)/(a+b+c+d)	1983.00	2727.00	72.22%	72.00%	72.72%
B2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome B by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)	2007.00	3474.00	57.39%	58.00%	57.77%

Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Preschool children who did not improve functioning	70.00	
b. Preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	557.00	
c. Preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	474.00	
d. Preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	1418.00	
e. Preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	955.00	

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
C1. Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in Outcome C, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (c+d)/(a+b+c+d)	1892.00	2519.00	75.96%	75.00%	75.11%
C2. The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome C by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program. (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)	2373.00	3474.00	68.49%	70.00%	68.31%

Was sampling used? No

Did you use the Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO) Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF)? No Provide the criteria for defining "comparable to same-aged peers" and list the instruments and procedures used to gather data for this indicator.

Louisiana's LEAs use AEPS, the Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System for Infants and Children as the entry and exit assessment instrument, reporting results into the online system, AEPSi, administered by Brookes Publishing. AEPSi produces a summary report providing outcome numbers and percentages for the 5 indicators in each of the three outcome components. A technical report explaining the rationale for establishing cut-off scores for the OSEP outcomes is available from Brookes Publishing, on the AEPSi website.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)
More information on AEPS, including its established validity as an OSEP reporting mechanism, can be found here: http://aepsinteractive.com/overview/osep-accountability/.
Actions required in FFY 2014 response
none
OSEP Response
Required Actions

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 8: Parent involvement

Monitoring Priority: FAPE in the LRE

Results indicator: Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

Do you use a separate data collection methodology for preschool children?

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			39.00%	41.00%	43.00%	45.00%	47.00%	45.00%	45.00%	34.00%	36.00%
Data		39.00%	38.00%	31.00%	36.00%	39.00%	32.00%	34.00%	36.00%	33.45%	42.60%

íey: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	38.00%	40.00%	42.00%	44.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of respondent parents who report schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities	Total number of respondent parents of children with disabilities	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
354.00	456.00	42.60%	38.00%	77.63%

Since the State did not report preschool children separately, discuss the procedures used to combine data from school age and preschool surveys in a manner that is valid and reliable.

LDOE uses a single parent involvement survey. LEAs disseminate the survey to parents of all children with disabilities, including preschool children. LDOE's FFY 2015 data reflect both preschool and school age respondents. LDOE compares the response rate of parents of preschool children with the statewide percentage of preschool children with disabilities to ensure responses are valid and reliable. In FFY 2015, approximately 11% of survey respondents were parents of preschool students with disabilities, which is reflective of the statewide rate of 12.2%, ensuring valid and reliable results.

Describe how the State has ensured that any response data are valid and reliable, including how the data represent the demographics of the State.

LDOE used enrollment data (for both students with disabilities and their general education peers) to develop a survey methodology that would produce valid and reliable data reflecting the demographics of the State. LEAs were grouped into four cohorts based on survey year: FFY 2015, FFY 2016, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018. LDOE compared each of these cohorts to statewide demographic data including exceptionality, gender, race / ethnicity, and age to ensure each year would produce valid and reliable results. (See attached sampling plan for more information.)

LDOE took additional steps to structure the data collection tool to ensure response data are valid and reliable. The FFY 2015 parent survey included basic demographic information, ten required questions on parent's experience with his/her child's school, and two additional optional open ended questions. Parents had to complete required sections of the survey in order for responses to be included in the final report. LDOE monitored response rates monthly and contacted LEAs to ensure surveys were distributed and parents were encouraged to complete the survey. LDOE coordinated with parent centers to assist parents with completing the survey and made interpreters available for parents with limited English skills. (See attached sampling plan and data collection tool for more information.) LDOE collected data and reviewed responses rates to statewide information to ensure the data represented the demographics of the state by exceptionality, gender, race / ethnicity, and age.

Was sampling used? Yes

Has your previously-approved sampling plan changed? Yes

Plan submitted for approval: OSEP Approved LDOE Sampling Plan Indicator 8

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Was a collection tool used? Yes
Is it a new or revised collection tool? Yes
Yes, the data accurately represent the demographics of the State
No, the data does not accurately represent the demographics of the State
Submitted collection tool: LDOE Parent Involvement Survey Data Collection Tool
Describe the sampling methodology outlining how the design will yield valid and reliable estimates.
Louisiana serves over 70,000 students with disabilities, ages 3-21, in LEAs ranging in size from single school charter schools to districts with over 40,000 students. To reach this diverse range of districts, schools, and students, LDOE has developed a statistically valid sampling plan for FFY 2015 -2018, the remaining four years of the SPP/APR cycle. Louisiana used a two-step process to develop the sampling plan that was approved by OSEP in January 2016. The first step focused on which LEAs would be sampled each year. The second step focused on which students with disabilities would be included in each LEA.
Step 1: Louisiana stratified LEA selection based on a number of factors.
Louisiana went through a multi-step process that considered a number of variables to ensure that each year's sample is representative of the state as whole. Louisiana stratified the population into three groups: 1) traditional LEAs—include parish and city school districts and state special schools, 2) Type 2 charter schools, and 3) Type 5 charters and other non-traditional LEAs. Additionally, LEAs were stratified to ensure geographic (northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest) as well as urban, suburban, and rural representation across the state. Any LEA that was not sampled in year one or two of the SPP/APR cycle (FFY 2013 and 2014) was included in this new plan. Each of these LEAs will be sampled once during FFY 2015-2018. Louisiana used statistical software to randomly assign LEAs within each group to one of the four remaining survey years.
Louisiana conducted a series of additional analyses to ensure that each of the remaining four survey years contains a sample that will be representative of the state as a whole in disability, race, age and gender. We found each year to be representative, ensuring a valid and reliable sample. OSEP requires that any district with an average daily membership of more than 50,000 students must be included in the sample each year. Since Louisiana does not have any LEAs that meet this criterion, each LEA will be included one time during the SPP/APR cycle.
Step 2: Louisiana will include all students with disabilities in each selected LEA.
In selected LEAs, each parent of a student with a disability will receive the Indicator 8 parent survey. LDOE has developed an electronic survey tool to administer the survey and letters to parents with access information. Each LEA will be required to disseminate letters to every parent of a student with a disability with a unique logon to access the electronic survey. This census approach, where every parent in the population is included for a complete count, means that LDOE will not use any other sampling of the population after Step 1. Using this approach, LDOE plans to reach each parent within the LEA. Below is the Survey Schedule. See the "Addressing Challenges" in the attached sampling plan for further information on obtaining a representative response rate and other potential questions.
✓ Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)
OSEP approved LDOE's new Indicator 8 Parental Involvement survey methodoloy in January 2016.
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Actions required in FFY 2014 response
none
OSEP Response
Required Actions

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation

Monitoring Priority: Disproportionate Representation

Compliance indicator: Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2006

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Please indicate the type of denominator provided

Number of districts in the State

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size

Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification	Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
16	0	170	0%	0%	0%

All races and ethnicities were included in the review

Define "disproportionate representation" and describe the method(s) used to calculate disproportionate representation

LDOE has a two-step process for the analysis of disproportionate representation data. LDOE defines disproportionate representation as having a risk ratio greater than 2.0 with a minimum cell size of 25 for over representation. To determine the rate of disproportionate representation, LDOE follows a two-step process.

First, LDOE examines each LEA's child count data to identify disproportionate representation in designated populations of students. For the FFY 2015 APR submission, LDOE used the October 1, 2015 Child Count report to extract the number of students with disabilities in each race or ethnic category. LDOE then completes a risk ratio analysis for each LEA to identify whether a particular race or ethnicity was at a disproportionately greater risk of being identified for special education and related services, excluding any LEA that did not meet the minimum n-size of 25 in the designated race or ethnic category. Of the 170 LEAs included in the analysis, LDOE identified 16 LEAs with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services.

Second, LDOE conducted outreach to the 16 LEAs to determine whether or not the disproportionate representation was the result of inappropriate identification through policies, practices, or procedures. These LEAs were required to fill out a Disproportionality Review Rubric- a tool designed to assist the LEAs in identifying practices, policies, and procedures that may lead to inappropriate identification of students for special education and related services. The rubric includes topics such as professional development and teacher support, instructional practices, intervention efforts, and assessment procedures. All 16 LEAs completed the review; none of the LEAs identified instances where disproportionate representation was due to inappropriate identification.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

In FFY 2015, Louisiana had 175 LEAs across the state. Five of those LEAs did not serve special education students and were therefore not included in the indicators 9 / 10 denominator. LDOE reports more accurate, valid and reliable data when these LEAs are removed.

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response

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Note: Any actions required in last year's response that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
null	null	null	0

OSEP Response

Required Actions

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Categories

Monitoring Priority: Disproportionate Representation

Compliance indicator: Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2006

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Data		0%	0%	0%	0.94%	3.51%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.62%

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FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	0%	0%	0%	0%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Please indicate the type of denominator provided

Number of districts in the State

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size

Number of districts with lisproportionate representation of acial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification	Number of districts in the State	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
64	0	170	0.62%	0%	0%

All races and ethnicities were included in the review

Define "disproportionate representation" and describe the method(s) used to calculate disproportionate representation

LDOE has a two-step process for the analysis of disproportionate representation data. LDOE defines disproportionate representation as having a risk ratio greater than 2.0 with a minimum cell size of 25 for over representation. To determine the rate of disproportionate representation, LDOE uses the following protocol:

First, LDOE examines each LEA's child count data to identify disproportionate representation in any of the following six specific disability categories: Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disability, Other Health Impairments, Specific Learning Disability, and Speech or Language Impairment. For the FFY 2015 APR submission, the number of students in each racial and ethnic group in the six specific disability categories was extracted from the state's October 1, 2015 Child Count report. LDOE reviewed the data, and excluded any LEA that did not meet the minimum n-size of 25 in the designated race or ethnic category. Of the 170 LEAs, LDOE identified 64 LEAs with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories.

Second, LDOE conducted outreach to the 64 LEAs to determine whether or not the disproportionate representation was the result of inappropriate identification of policies, practices, or procedures. These LEAs were required to fill out a Disproportionality Review Rubric-a tool designed to assist the LEAs in identifying practices, policies, and procedures that may lead to inappropriate identification of students based on their race or ethnicity, by disability. All 64 LEAs completed the review, and zero LEAs determined that the instance of disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories was the result of inappropriate identification.

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

In FFY 2015, Louisiana had 175 LEAs across the state. Five of those LEAs did not serve special education students and were therefore not included in the indicators 9 / 10 denominator. LDOE reports more accurate, valid and reliable data when these LEAs are removed.

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response

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Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
1	1	null	0

FFY 2014 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

In FFY 2014, LDOE identified one LEA with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that was the result of inappropriate identification. To verify that the source of noncompliance was corrected and the LEA was implementing regulatory requirements, the Indicator 10 manager worked with the LEA on changes to policies, procedures and practices to correct the root cause of the disproportionate representation. The LEA restructured its administration to allow greater oversight of its Response to Intervention (RTI) and Special Education programs, developed a centralized system to refer students for evaluation, hired outside evaluations to complete initial evaluations, hired a full-time school psychologist, and created a procedural guide to RTI. LDOE reviewed these changes for adherence to Bulletin 1508 - Pupil Appraisal, and applicable federal laws and guidance.

In addition, the LEA participated in state monitoring activities through self-assessment, desk reviews, and/or on-site visits based on the state's tiered monitoring system in which LEAs are ranked based on a risk ratio analysis. The risk ratio analysis is based on points awarded for student outcome performance in mathematics, English language arts, high school graduation, drop outs, and disciplinary removals. The LEA also participated in professional development opportunities including direct field and special education support to improve policies, procedures and practices.

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

LDOE worked with the LEA to correct the individual case of noncompliance. LDOE tracked the rate of disproportionate representation that was a result of inappropriate identifications from FFY 2014 to FFY 2015. After reviewing the LEA's rate of disproportionate identification, reviewing changes to policies, procedures and practices (see above for a more in depth description), and reviewing self-assessment rubrics, LDOE verified that the noncompliance was corrected.

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Required Actions			

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 11: Child Find

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Child Find

Compliance indicator: Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation or, if the State establishes a timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted, within that timeframe.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		100%	100%	99.86%	99.89%	99.90%	99.55%	99.70%	98.44%	99.09%	99.14%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

(a) Number of children for whom parental consent to evaluate was received	(b) Number of children whose evaluations were completed within 60 days (or State-established timeline)	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
15,743	15,486	99.14%	100%	98.37%

Number of children included in (a), but not included in (b) [a-b] 257

Account for children included in (a) but not included in (b). Indicate the range of days beyond the timeline when the evaluation was completed and any reasons for the delays.

LDOE identified a total of 257 children for whom parental consent was obtained, but for whom evaluations were not completed within the State's 60-day timeline. The range of delays beyond the timeline is included in the table below.

Table 11.1 Range of Days Children Were Evaluated Beyond the State's 60-day Timeline*

61 + Days

 Number of Students
 Delay

 110
 1-15 Days

 42
 16-30 Days

 31
 31 – 45 Days

 <20</td>
 46 – 60 Days

The majority of delayed evaluations were completed within 15 days of the deadline. LEAs identified the following primary reasons for delays:

- inaccurate data entry,

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- miscalculation of evaluation dates,

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delayed reports from outside agencies, and

delayed receipt of medical documents.

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Indicate the evaluation timeline used

The State used the 60 day timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted.

The State established a timeline within which the evaluation must be conducted.

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State monitoring

State database that includes data for the entire reporting year

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

The FFY 2015 (2015-2016 school year) Indicator 11 data was extracted from Louisiana's Special Education Reporting System (SER). Evaluation timelines begin when the LEA receives a signed Parental Consent-to-Evaluate form. SER has a series of system checks that aid in ensuring data accuracy, including a calendar that may be generated for calculations of 30, 45, and 60-day intervals. Data must pass electronic system edits and comparison reports before new data are stored.

LDOE uses a standard process for data collection, determination of non-compliance, and issuance of findings:

- 1. LDOE gathers data from SER after the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- 2. LDOE identifies LEAs who appear noncompliant and offers them an opportunity to clarify their data or provide allowable exceptions.
- 3. LDOE identifies LEAs with cases of non-compliance.
- 4. LDOE conducts outreach to LEA Special Education Directors, providing them with information on evaluations that exceeded the 60-day timelines in the absence of an approved extension.
- 5. LEAs that were identified as non-compliant submit a plan of action that indicates the reason for the non-compliance, a description of what could have been done to keep the evaluation compliant, a list of actions taken to ensure non-compliance will not be repeated, and the personnel responsible for implementing the plan of action.
- 6. LEAs are required to correct issues of noncompliance as soon as possible, but in no case longer than one year after noncompliance is identified.
- 7. In order to satisfy the second prong of OSEP Memo 09-02, compliance reports are reviewed quarterly. Correction of non-compliance is achieved when the LEA reaches 100% compliance in timely evaluations in any given quarter of the following year.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected	
129	129	0	0	

FFY 2014 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

In FFY 2014, Louisiana reported 129 instances of noncompliance for Indicator 11. LDOE verified that any LEA with a finding of noncompliance corrected each individual case of noncompliance unless the child was no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA. All 129 findings were verified as corrected within one-year. LDOE ensures that each LEA was correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e. achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of data collected through SER - a state data system. LDOE monitored the LEAs quarterly through SER and determined the LEA met the regulatory requirement when the LEA reached 10/8/2019

FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) 100% compliance in timely evaluations in any given quarter of the following fiscal year. All LEAs were found

to be compliant by the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

In FFY 2014, Louisiana reported 129 instances of noncompliance for Indicator 11. LDOE verified that any LEA with a finding of noncompliance corrected each individual case of noncompliance unless the child was no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA. All 129 findings were verified as corrected within one-year. (Table 1 in the FFY 2013 APR details the range of delays.) Any LEA that had finding(s) of noncompliance was required to submit a plan of action that indicated the reason for the non-compliance, a description of what could have been done to keep the evaluation compliant, a list of actions taken to ensure non-compliance would not be repeated, and the personnel responsible for implementing the plan of action.

OSEP Response

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2015, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2015 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2015 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP Memo 09-02. In the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2015, although its FFY 2015 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2015.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		64.60%	90.80%	95.41%	81.15%	96.50%	99.37%	99.24%	97.87%	96.91%	98.47%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

a. Number of children who have been served in Part C and referred to Part B for Part B eligibility determination.					
b. Number of those referred determined to be NOT eligible and whose eligibility was determined prior to third birthday.	83				
c. Number of those found eligible who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.	1,216				
d. Number for whom parent refusals to provide consent caused delays in evaluation or initial services or to whom exceptions under 34 CFR §300.301(d) applied.	11				
e. Number of children who were referred to Part C less than 90 days before their third birthdays.	374				

	Numerator (c)	Denominator (a-b-d-e)	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3 who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays. [c/(a-b-d-e)]x100	1,216	1,246	98.47%	100%	97.59%

Number of children who have been served in Part C and referred to Part B for eligibility determination that are not included in b, c, d, e 30

Account for children included in (a), but not included in b, c, d, or e. Indicate the range of days beyond the third birthday when eligibility was determined and the IEP developed, and the reasons for the delays.

A total of 1,714 children had been served in Part C and referred to Part B for a Part B eligibility determination. Louisiana identified a total of 30 children who were served in Part C and referred to Part B for eligibility determinations, but did not receive a determination before the third birthday, and were not included in b, c, d, or e, above. The chart below indicates the number of days after the third birthday when eligibility was determined and the IEP developed.

Table 12.1 The range of days beyond the third birthday when eligibility was determined and the IEP developed.*

Number of Students Delay

13	1 – 15 Days
< 10	16 - 30 Days
< 10	31 – 45 Days
< 10	46 - 60 Days
< 10	61+ Days

Most of the longer days were due to issues related to data entry when childrens' birthdays fell in the summer.

Primary reasons for delays:

- Unable to contact parents; parents not attending meetings
- Data entry error; paperwork mistakes
- Evaluations not conducted in a timely manner

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) • Changes in personnel, lack of training, staff unclear about transition timelines

• Start dates of Prekindergarten programs are later than calendars entered into the data system for the district and service start dates were recorded as the start date for Prekindergarten

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What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State monitoring

State database that includes data for the entire reporting year

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

There are two components to LDOE's data collection method:

First, LDOE engages in a monthly review of relevant data. IDEA Part C program staff, managed by Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals, provides LDOE monthly reports and eligibility data. LDOE's Part B staff, including the Indicator 12 manager, collaborate with LDOE's data analytics personnel to identify children who were referred and determined to be NOT eligible, and whose eligibility was determined prior to his/her third birthday.

Second, LDOE conducts a yearly review of these data. LDOE compiles a report from its state database, the SER system, that includes data for the entire reporting year. The report identifies the percentage of compliance for the last year, by quarter, for each district. After this report is completed, the Indicator 12 manager assembles a list of districts that did not meet the federally-mandated 100% target. LDOE then notifies any district with noncompliance. Districts must submit the completed Plan of Action within 30 days that indicates the reason for the delay, the root cause and what they will do to rectify the situation.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

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Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
18	18	0	0

FFY 2014 Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected

Describe how the State verified that the source of noncompliance is correctly implementing the regulatory requirements

To verify that the source of noncompliance was corrected and the LEA was implementing the regulatory requirements, the Indicator 12 manager reviewed FFY 2015 data entered into SER. The SER report indicates each LEA by name and shows the percentage of compliance in four different quarters from July 1 to June 30. Upon a run of this report, the Indicator 12 manager compiled a list of LEAs that did not meet the 100% target. After this report was run from SER, the Indicator 12 manager determined which LEAs corrected non-compliance from the previous year by making 100% in any one quarter of the present year. LEAs not meeting 100% compliance for the current year were notified by the LDOE Monitoring Division via e-mail that they were out of compliance on this indicator. A Plan of Action was sent to each early childhood special education supervisor in the noncompliant district. The Plan of Action indicated the number of children that did not transition on time. LEAs were asked to return the Plan of Action within one month of receiving the form. Each LEA was asked to indicate what actions would be taken to ensure substantial, ongoing compliance, description of this evidence (evaluation compliance report in SER run three months in a row to show 100% compliance), and the persons responsible for this work. The Indicator Manager received and reviewed the Plan of Action to determine the reasons for the delay and actions taken to ensure compliance

Describe how the State verified that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected

To verify that each individual case of noncompliance was corrected, the Indicator 12 manager reviewed FFY 2015 data entered into SER. The SER report indicates each LEA by name and shows the percentage of compliance in four different quarters from July 1 to June 30. Upon a run of this report, the Indicator 12 manager compiled a list of LEAs that did not meet the 100% target. After this report was run from SER, the Indicator 12 manager determined which districts corrected non-compliance from the previous year by making 100% in any one quarer of the present year. LEAs not meeting 100% compliance for the current year were notified by the LDOE Monitoring Division via e-mail that they were out of compliance on this indicator. A Plan of Action was sent to each early childhood special education supervisor in the noncompliant district. The Plan of Action indicated the number of children that did not transition on time LEAs were asked to return the Plan of Action within one month of receiving the form. Each LEA was asked to indicate: 1) reason for delay, 2) root cause, 3) action taken, and 4) personnel responsible regarding what they plan to do to rectify the situation. The Indicator Manager received all Plan of Action forms from each

noncompliant district. The Indicator 12 manager worked with SER staff to determine where these children were enrolled and reached out to the new LEA to ensure that services had been provided for these children. All Plans of Action were reviewed to determine the reasons for the delay, and the Indicator Manager followed up with each LEA to ensure that the noncompliance was corrected. All individual cases are resolved.

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Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2015, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2015 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2015 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP Memo 09-02. In the FFY 2016 SPP/APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction. If the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2015, although its FFY 2015 data reflect less than 100% compliance, provide an explanation of why the State did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2015.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2009

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		31.00%	76.00%	66.00%		53.00%	76.00%	77.00%	100%	100%	100%

ey: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of youth aged 16 and above with IEPs that contain each of the required components for secondary transition	Number of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
554	554	100%	100%	100%

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

State monitoring

State database that includes data for the entire reporting year

Describe the method used to collect these data, and if data are from the State's monitoring, describe the procedures used to collect these data.

For this indicator, Louisiana obtained monitoring results through desk audits, on-site reviews, and self-assessments. The state targeted LEAs for on-site monitoring when they had a "Needs Intervention" determination and GAP Scores (the difference between special education proficiency scores and regular education proficiency scores in 1) 4th grade ELA/Math, 2) 8th grade ELA/Math, and 3) the LEAs graduation rate that indicated a risk for low achievement.

The state focused monitoring on the effective general supervision of IDEA Part B and an effective transition process. The state reviewed records to determine the percent of youth aged 16 and above with an IEP that included: 1) appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are updated annually and upon an age appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet postsecondary goals, and 2) annual IEP goals related to the student's transition service needs. Further, the state reviewed records for evidence that the student was invited to the IEP team meeting where transition services were to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority.

The state also required selected LEAs to complete a self-assessment tool to determine if student transition records were compliant with the following established criteria. LEAs use a state-mandated process to identify records to review. LEAs follow a state-developed protocol to determine if the selected transition plan in the current IEP meets required components, including 1) measurable postsecondary goals that cover education/training, employment, and as needed, independent living; 2) annual IEP goals(s) that will reasonably enable students to meet their postsecondary goal(s); 3) evidence that representatives of external agencies were invited to IEP meetings; and 4) courses of study that focus on improving the academic and functional achievement of students to facilitate their movement from school to post-school.

LDOE reviewed 286 records and LEAs completed self-assessments on an additional 268 records, for a total of 554 records of youth aged 16 and above reviewed for compliance.

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Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2014

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
null	null	null	0

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 14: Post-School Outcomes

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / Effective Transition

Results indicator: Percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and were:

- A. Enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school.
- B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school.
- C. Enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	2009	Target≥							25.50%	25.70%	25.90%	30.00%	33.00%
A	2009	Data						25.30%	23.39%	25.00%	28.70%	33.42%	34.13%
_	2009	Target≥							55.50%	55.70%	55.90%	75.00%	76.00%
В	2009	Data						55.30%	67.97%	68.00%	74.44%	74.25%	73.27%
	2000	Target≥							73.80%	74.00%	74.20%	89.00%	90.00%
	2009	Data						73.60%	83.53%	86.00%	88.19%	87.65%	88.19%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target A ≥	33.00%	35.00%	37.00%	39.00%
Target B ≥	76.00%	79.00%	82.00%	84.00%
Target C ≥	90.00%	92.00%	94.00%	96.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

Number of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school	3195.00				
1. Number of respondent youth who enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school					
2. Number of respondent youth who competitively employed within one year of leaving high school	1138.00				
3. Number of respondent youth enrolled in some other postsecondary education or training program within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education or competitively employed)	317.00				
4. Number of respondent youth who are in some other employment within one year of leaving high school (but not enrolled in higher education, some other postsecondary education or training program, or competitively employed).	161.00				

	Number of respondent youth	Number of respondent youth who are no longer in secondary school and had IEPs in effect at the time they left school	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
A. Enrolled in higher education (1)	1172.00	3195.00	34.13%	33.00%	36.68%
B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school (1 +2)	2310.00	3195.00	73.27%	76.00%	72.30%
C. Enrolled in higher education, or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment (1+2+3+4)	2788.00	3195.00	88.19%	90.00%	87.26%

LDOE uses a post-school transition survey to measure the percent of children with disabilities no longer in secondary school who were enrolled in higher education, competitively employed, or in some other postsecondary education or training program within one year of leaving high school. In FFY 2015, LDOE collected data on students who left school during school year 2014-2015, collecting survey results by September 2016. This allows at least one year to pass since students left school. Louisiana uses a census method to collected data, the state does not sample. LEAs disseminate the survey to post-school youth, and results are captured in the state's special education reporting data system. In FFY 2015, LDOE collected data and reviewed response rates to determine whether the response group was representative of the statewide population. Specifically, LDOE analyzed survey results by LEA, gender, race / ethnicity and specific disabilities, comparing survey responses to the October 2015 public IDEA student count. LDOE determined the response group was representative of the state.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

Provide additional information about this indicator (optional)

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 15: Resolution Sessions

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / General Supervision

Results indicator: Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3(B))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥				75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%		75.00%	75.00%
Data		60.00%	73.90%	63.00%	71.00%	67.00%	73.33%	35.71%	62.50%	55.56%	50.00%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2015-16 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/2/2016	3.1(a) Number resolution sessions resolved through settlement agreements	6	null
SY 2015-16 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/2/2016	3.1 Number of resolution sessions	11	null

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

3.1(a) Number resolution sessions reso through settlement agreements	red 3.1 Number of resolu	tion sessions FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
6	11	50.00%	75.00%	54.55%

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)					
OSEP Response					
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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 16: Mediation

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part B / General Supervision

Results indicator: Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3(B))

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥				82.00%						82.00%	82.00%
Data		81.80%	77.00%	87.00%	50.00%	66.67%	0%	80.00%	50.00%	100%	88.89%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2015 - FFY 2018 Targets

	FFY	2015	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥		82.00%	82.00%	82.00%	82.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Target setting for this indicator was integrated into the overall stakeholder engagement strategy. Please see the "stakeholder involvement" section on the introduction page for more information.

Prepopulated Data

Source Date		Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2015-16 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/2/2016	2.1.a.i Mediations agreements related to due process complaints	n	null
SY 2015-16 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/2/2016	2.1.b.i Mediations agreements not related to due process complaints	n	null
SY 2015-16 EMAPS IDEA Part B Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/2/2016	2.1 Mediations held	6	null

FFY 2015 SPP/APR Data

2.1.a.i Mediations agreements related to due process complaints	2.1.b.i Mediations agreements not related to due process complaints	2.1 Mediations held	FFY 2014 Data*	FFY 2015 Target*	FFY 2015 Data
0	2	6	88.89%	82.00%	33.33%

Explanation of Slippage

The state is not required to report on slippage in a federal fiscal year (FFY) in which fewer than ten (<10) mediations are held. In FFY 2015, Louisiana held six mediations. Therefore, Louisiana did not meet the reporting threshold.

Actions required in FFY 2014 response

none

OSEP Response

The State reported fewer than ten mediations held in FFY 2015. The State is not required to meet its targets until any fiscal year in which ten or more mediations were held.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan

Monitorina Priority: General Supervision

Results indicator: The State's SPP/APR includes a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that meets the requirements set forth for this indicator,

Reported Data

Baseline Data: 2013

FFY	2013	2014	2015
Target≥		36.00%	36.00%
Data	36.18%	36.68%	35.14%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline
Blue – Data Undate

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	37.00%	39.00%	42.00%
		Key:	

Explanation of Changes

In FFY 2015, Louisiana finalized the SSIP cohort and updated the SSIP cohort SiMR data (results) and targets to reflect the actual LEAs participating in the SSIP. Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017 for more details.

Description of Measure

Louisiana's SiMR is to increase ELA proficiency (basic and above) rates on statewide assessments for students with disabilities in third through fifth grades, in nine LEAs across the state. The SiMR has remained the same since FFY 2013. Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017 for more details.

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017 for more details.

Overview

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017 for more details.

Data Analysis

A description of how the State identified and analyzed key data, including data from SPP/APR indicators, 618 data collections, and other available data as applicable, to: (1) select the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities, and (2) identify root causes contributing to low performance. The description must include information about how the data were disaggregated by multiple variables (e.g., LEA, region, race/ethnicity, gender, disability category, placement, etc.). As part of its data analysis, the State should also consider compliance data and whether those data present potential barriers to improvement. In addition, if the State identifies any concerns about the quality of the data, the description must include how the State will address these concerns. Finally, if additional data are needed, the description should include the methods and timelines to collect and analyze the additional data.

Please see the "Component #1: Data Analysis" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

Analysis of State Infrastructure to Support Improvement and Build Capacity

A description of how the State analyzed the capacity of its current infrastructure to support improvement and build capacity in LEAs to implement, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based practices to improve results for children with disabilities. State systems that make up its infrastructure include, at a minimum: governance, fiscal, quality standards, professional development, data, technical assistance, and accountability/monitoring. The description must include current strengths of the systems, the extent the systems are coordinated, and areas for improvement of functioning within and across the systems. The State must also identify current State-level improvement plans and initiatives, including special and general education improvement plans and initiatives, and describe the extent that these initiatives are aligned, and how they are, or could be, integrated with, the SSIP. Finally, the State should identify representatives (e.g., offices, agencies, positions, individuals, and other stakeholders) that were involved in developing Phase I of the SSIP and that will be involved in developing and implementing

Please see the "Component #2: Infrastructure Analysis" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

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State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities

A statement of the result(s) the State intends to achieve through the implementation of the SSIP. The State-identified result(s) must be aligned to an SPP/APR indicator or a component of an SPP/APR indicator. The Stateidentified result(s) must be clearly based on the Data and State Infrastructure Analyses and must be a child-level outcome in contrast to a process outcome. The State may select a single result (e.g., increasing the graduation rate for children with disabilities) or a cluster of related results (e.g., increasing the graduation rate and decreasing the dropout rate for children with disabilities).

Please see the "Component #3: State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR)" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

Description

Please see the "Component #3: State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR)" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

Selection of Coherent Improvement Strategies

An explanation of how the improvement strategies were selected, and why they are sound, logical and aligned, and will lead to a measurable improvement in the State-identified result(s). The improvement strategies should include the strategies, identified through the Data and State Infrastructure Analyses, that are needed to improve the State infrastructure and to support LEA implementation of evidence-based practices to improve the State identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities. The State must describe how implementation of the improvement strategies will address identified root causes for low performance and ultimately build LEA capacity to achieve the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities.

Please see the "Component #4: Selection of Coherent Improvement Strategies" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

Theory of Action

A graphic illustration that shows the rationale of how implementing the coherent set of improvement strategies selected will increase the State's capacity to lead meaningful change in LEAs, and achieve improvement in the State identified Measurable Result(s) for Children with Disabilities

Submitted Theory of Action: No Theory of Action Submitted

Provide a description of the provided graphic illustration (optional)

Description of Illustration

Please see the "Component #5: Theory of Action" section in the Louisiana FFY 13 SSIP document for this information.

Louisiana's Theory of Action graphic can be found on page 55 (PDF page 58) in the Louisiana SSIP document.

Infrastructure Development

- (a) Specify improvements that will be made to the State infrastructure to better support EIS programs and providers to implement and scale up EBPs to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (b) Identify the steps the State will take to further align and leverage current improvement plans and other early learning initiatives and programs in the State, including Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, Home Visiting Program, Early Head Start and others which impact infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (c) Identify who will be in charge of implementing the changes to infrastructure, resources needed, expected outcomes, and timelines for completing improvement efforts.
- (d) Specify how the State will involve multiple offices within the State Lead Agency, as well as other State agencies and stakeholders in the improvement of its infrastructure.

Please see the Infrastructure Development section in the attached "Louisiana SSIP FFY 14 Final" for this information.

Support for EIS programs and providers Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices

- (a) Specify how the State will support EIS providers in implementing the evidence-based practices that will result in changes in Lead Agency, EIS program, and EIS provider practices to achieve the SIMR(s) for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families
- (b) Identify steps and specific activities needed to implement the coherent improvement strategies, including communication strategies and stakeholder involvement; how identified barriers will be addressed; who will be in charge of implementing; how the activities will be implemented with fidelity; the resources that will be used to implement them; and timelines for completion.
- (c) Specify how the State will involve multiple offices within the Lead Agency (and other State agencies such as the SEA) to support EIS providers in scaling up and sustaining the implementation of the evidence-based practices once they have been implemented with fidelity.

Please see the Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices section in the attached "Louisiana SSIP FFY 14 Final" for this information.

Evaluation

- (a) Specify how the evaluation is aligned to the theory of action and other components of the SSIP and the extent to which it includes short-term and long-term objectives to measure implementation of the SSIP and its impact on achieving measurable improvement in SIMR(s) for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (b) Specify how the evaluation includes stakeholders and how information from the evaluation will be disseminated to stakeholders
- (c) Specify the methods that the State will use to collect and analyze data to evaluate implementation and outcomes of the SSIP and the progress toward achieving intended improvements in the SIMR(s).
- (d) Specify how the State will use the evaluation data to examine the effectiveness of the implementation; assess the State's progress toward achieving intended improvements; and to make modifications to the SSIP as necessary.

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Please see the Evaluation section in the attached "Louisiana SSIP FFY 14 Final" for this information.

Technical Assistance and Support

Describe the support the State needs to develop and implement an effective SSIP. Areas to consider include: Infrastructure development; Support for EIS programs and providers implementation of EBP; Evaluation; and Stakeholder involvement in Phase II.

Please see the Addition Support sub-section in the attached "Louisiana SSIP FFY 14 Final" for this information.

Phase III submissions should include:

- Data-based justifications for any changes in implementation activities.
- Data to support that the State is on the right path, if no adjustments are being proposed.
- Descriptions of how stakeholders have been involved, including in decision-making.

A. Summary of Phase 3

- 1. Theory of action or logic model for the SSIP, including the SiMR.
- 2. The coherent improvement strategies or principle activities employed during the year, including infrastructure improvement strategies.
- 3. The specific evidence-based practices that have been implemented to date.
- 4. Brief overview of the year's evaluation activities, measures, and outcomes.
- 5. Highlights of changes to implementation and improvement strategies.

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Summary of Phase III, for more details.

B. Progress in Implementing the SSIP

- 1. Description of the State's SSIP implementation progress: (a) Description of extent to which the State has carried out its planned activities with fidelity—what has been accomplished, what milestones have been met, and whether the intended timeline has been followed and (b) Intended outputs that have been accomplished as a result of the implementation activities.
- 2. Stakeholder involvement in SSIP implementation: (a) How stakeholders have been informed of the ongoing implementation of the SSIP and (b) How stakeholders have had a voice and been involved in decision-making regarding the ongoing implementation of the SSIP.

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Progress in Implementing the SSIP, for more details.

C. Data on Implementation and Outcomes

- 1. How the State monitored and measured outputs to assess the effectiveness of the implementation plan: (a) How evaluation measures align with the theory of action, (b) Data sources for each key measure, (c) Description of baseline data for key measures, (d) Data collection procedures and associated timelines, (e) [If applicable] Sampling procedures, (f) [If appropriate] Planned data comparisons, and (g) How data management and data analysis procedures allow for assessment of progress toward achieving intended improvements
- 2. How the State has demonstrated progress and made modifications to the SSIP as necessary: (a) How the State has reviewed key data that provide evidence regarding progress toward achieving intended improvements to infrastructure and the SiMR, (b) Evidence of change to baseline data for key measures, (c) How data support changes that have been made to implementation and improvement strategies, (d) How data are informing next steps in the SSIP implementation, and (e) How data support planned modifications to intended outcomes (including the SIMR)—rationale or justification for the changes or how data support that the SSIP is on the right path
- 3. Stakeholder involvement in the SSIP evaluation: (a) How stakeholders have been informed of the ongoing evaluation of the SSIP and (b) How stakeholders have had a voice and been involved in decision-making regarding the ongoing evaluation of the SSIP

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Data on Implementation and Outcomes, for more details

D. Data Quality Issues: Data limitations that affected reports of progress in implementing the SSIP and achieving the SIMR

- 1. Concern or limitations related to the quality or quantity of the data used to report progress or results
- 2. Implications for assessing progress or results
- 3. Plans for improving data quality

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Data Quality Issues, for more details,

E. Progress Toward Achieving Intended Improvements

- 1. Infrastructure changes that support SSIP initiatives, including how system changes support achievement of the SiMR, sustainability, and scale-up
- 2. Evidence that SSIP's evidence-based practices are being carried out with fidelity and having the desired effects
- 3. Outcomes regarding progress toward short-term and long-term objectives that are necessary steps toward achieving the SIMR
- 4. Measurable improvements in the SIMR in relation to targets

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Progress Toward Achieving Intended Improvements, for more details.

F. Plans for Next Year

- 1. Additional activities to be implemented next year, with timeline
- 2. Planned evaluation activities including data collection, measures, and expected outcomes
- 3. Anticipated barriers and steps to address those barriers
- 4. The State describes any needs for additional support and/or technical assistance

Please see Louisiana's attached "State Systemic Improvement Plan" dated April 2017, Plans for Next Year, for more details.

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FFY 2015 Part B State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Certify and Submit your SPP/APR

I certify that I am the Chief State School Officer of the State, or his or her designee, and that the State's submission of its IDEA Part B State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report is accurate.

Selected: Designated by the Chief State School Officer to certify

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