Transfers for Students Receiving 18-21 Transition Services

Transfers:

All in and out of state transfers are managed the same regardless of the age of the student (3-21). The decision for a student to receive transition/education services beyond the typical senior year should be made as part of the overall educational plan and continuum of transition services developed through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) to assist the student in meeting the identified postsecondary goals.

Upon transferring, high school students' transcripts must be reviewed and assessed to meet the receiving districts graduation/diploma requirements. Students who receive 18-21 transition services will have the same opportunity as all students to earn a diploma from the receiving district upon meeting the district's graduation requirements.

Secondary students who transfer after the typical senior year but continue to have needs that require 18-21 transition services from the receiving district, **MUST NOT** have accepted a diploma from their previous school district. The registrar in the receiving district will review the transcripts to determine if the transferred student has earned enough credits to meet the receiving district's graduation requirements. If it is determined that the student has not earned enough credits, additional coursework may be required by the receiving school district prior to the student earning a diploma.

Process:

IEPs for children who transfer between public agencies in the same State:

- An IEP was in effect in a previous public agency in the same State
- The student transfers to a new public agency in the same State, and
- Enrolls in a new school within the same school year,
- The new public agency (in consultation with the parents) **must provide** FAPE to the child (including **services comparable** to those described in the child's IEP from the previous public agency), **until** the new public agency either—
  - (1) Adopts the child's IEP from the previous public agency; or
  - (2) Develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP that meets the applicable requirements in §§ 300.320 through 300.324.

IEPs for children who transfer from another State:

- An IEP was in effect in a previous public agency in another State

KEY POINTS

- The student MUST NOT have received a high school diploma to access 18-21 transition services
- High School students must meet graduation requirements for the district from which they will *exit* in order to earn a diploma.
- Students receiving 18-21 transition services beyond the typical senior year must retain an open transcript and continue to receive credits toward a diploma.
- Students who receive 18-21 transition services through a State Operated Program or Facility will fall under the same policies and procedures that are established for all students from the sending district.
- Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind: Students who are placed at CSDB by their home district in order to receive transition services will return to their home district for graduation upon completion of transition goals or aging out at age 21.

- The student transfers to a new public agency from another State, and
- Enrolls in a new school within the same school year,
- The new public agency (in consultation with the parents) **must provide** the child with FAPE (including **services comparable** to those described in the child's IEP from the previous public agency), until the new public agency—
  - (1) Conducts an evaluation pursuant to §§ 300.304 through 300.306 (if determined to be necessary by the new public agency); and
  - (2) Develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP, if appropriate, that meets the applicable requirements in §§ 300.320 through 300.324.

Diplomas:

A student who has transferred will not receive a diploma from the previous school district, in or out of state, regardless of whether the student completed grades 9-12 in the previous school district and is now receiving 18-21 transition services in another school district as a continuing senior. If graduation requirements are met, according to the district's graduation policies, the diploma will be awarded by the district from which the student graduates/exits upon completion of the 18-21 transition services.

Where Can I Locate Additional Information?

Other Technical Assistance – See Transition

- Technical Assistance- Adult and Community Agencies
- Technical Assistance- Grading & Transcripts
- Technical Assistance- Graduation & Diplomas
- Technical Assistance- October Count
- Technical Assistance- Transition Planning

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