CPSE to CSE for Parents for Virtual and Hybrid Settings

Transition Planning from Preschool Special Education to Kindergarten

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Who Are We?

The Office of Special Education (OSE) Educational Partnership is a coordinated and cohesive support network focused on enhancing services and improving outcomes for students with disabilities and providing effective support for educational organizations (EOs).

Regional Partnership Centers (RPCs) are located in each of the 12 regions of NYS and provide these supports and services to the EOs within their region.
Today’s Facilitators
Participant Introductions

• Name
• Role
• District
• School
• Population Served
Training Expectations (In Person)

**BE RESPONSIBLE**
Make yourself **comfortable**
Take care of your **needs** (water, food, restroom, etc.)
**Action plan** to implement what you are learning
**Follow through** on your action items

**BE RESPECTFUL**
Turn cell phones **off or to vibrate**
**Listen** attentively while others are speaking
Have only the **training materials** up on your computer/table/phone

**BE ENGAGED**
**Ask** what you need to know to understand and contribute
**Contribute** to the group by sharing relevant information and ideas
Virtual Training Expectations

BE RESPONSIBLE
Take time to test technology in advance
Take care of your needs (breaks, water, food, restroom, etc.)
Action plan to implement what you are learning
Follow through on your action items

BE RESPECTFUL
Find a quiet place to participate
Mute your microphone when not speaking
Listen attentively while others are speaking
Turn video on when speaking
Have only the training materials up on your computer/table/phone

BE ENGAGED
Ask what you need to know to understand and contribute
Contribute to the group by sharing relevant information and ideas
Blueprint for Improved Results for Students with Disabilities

Self-Advocacy
Students engage in self-advocacy and are involved in determining their own educational goals and plan.

Family Partnership
Parents, and other family members, are engaged as meaningful partners in the special education process and the education of their child.

Specially-Designed Instruction
Teacher's design, provide, and assess the effectiveness of specially-designed instruction to provide students with disabilities with access to participate and progress in the general education curriculum.

Research-Based Instruction
Teachers provide research-based instructional teaching and learning strategies and supports for students with disabilities.

Multi-tiered Support
Schools provide multi-tiered systems of behavioral and academic support.

Inclusive Activities
Schools provide high-quality inclusive programs and activities.

Transition Support
Schools provide appropriate instruction for students with disabilities in career development and opportunities to participate in work-based learning.
Slide Marker Icons

- Activity
- Handout
- Poll
- Discussion
- Reflection
- Action Plan
- Vetted/Policy
What to Expect:

To better understand what to expect as your child moves on to Kindergarten by:

• Understanding the differences between Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and Committee for Special Education (CSE)
• Understanding the transition process from CPSE to CSE
• Learning how to be an active member of the transition team
• Understanding the purpose of an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
When a child has special needs kindergarten planning can be:

• Exciting
• Overwhelming
• Challenging
• Scary
• Fun
• Different

...A time for transition
When Will My Child Go to Kindergarten?

Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1 are eligible to attend Kindergarten starting in September of the school year.

Please note: each district may have their own requirements for age and cut-off dates. Please be sure to contact your district office for their specific district policy.
Preparing for your CPSE/CSE meeting

• Review past reports/IEPs and consult with preschool provider team regarding student progress, strategies, and areas of continued need
• Obtain copies of materials to be discussed at the meeting
• Consider inviting someone to attend who also knows your child who can listen, take notes, and support you
• Consider what you believe will support your child’s growth and development
• Write down questions you have and bring them to the meeting
At the last CPSE meeting...

- Discuss yearly progress (Annual review);
- Determine Extended School Year services (ESY) (for the current school year, as a preschooler)
- Determine whether your child will be declassified; OR
- Referred to Committee on Special Education (CSE)
Responsibilities of the CSE at Transition time
Team Members

- Parent(s)
- CSE Chairperson
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Individual who can interpret the evaluations
- Special Education Teacher
- General Education Teacher
- Related Service Providers (Speech/OT/PT)
- Parent Member
Eligibility Determination?

### Ineligible for Special Education Services
- 504 Referral
- Academic Intervention Services (AIS)
- Behavioral support/social skills programs
- School may increase tiered supports to supplement skills (Rtl)
- Reading intervention/ remedial instruction

### Eligible for Special Education Services
- Autism
- Blindness
- Deaf-blindness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Learning Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health-Impaired
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment
Why a Classification?

- Regulations require a specific disability classification for children age(s) 5-21 who receive special education services.
- Classifications are descriptors of child’s area of need; not a description of who a child is.
- Classifications do not determine what services are delivered; the CSE develops the IEP and recommends programs and services based on student’s unique needs as a result of the student’s disability.
The Individualized Education Program (IEP)

• Present Levels of Performance and Individual Needs
• Measurable Annual Goals, Short-Term Objectives and Benchmarks
• Reporting Progress to Parents
• Recommended Special Education Programs and Services
• Coordinated Set of Transition Activities
• Participation in State and District-wide Assessments
• Participation with Students Without Disabilities
• Transportation
• Placement Recommendation
• IEP Implementation
Least Restrictive Environment

LRE means that placement of students with disabilities in special classes, separate schools or other removal from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that even with the use of supplementary aids and services, education cannot be satisfactorily achieved.

Section 200.1(cc) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education
School-age Programs & Services
Section 200.6

• Consultant Teacher 200.6 (d)
• Resource Room 200.6 (f)
• Integrated Co-teaching 200.6 (g)
• Special Classes 200.6 (h)
• Travel Training 200.1 (ggg)
• Adapted Physical Education 200.1 (b)
Related Services

Section 200.6 (e)

Related services for both school-age and preschool students include, but are not limited to:

- speech/language therapy
- audiology services
- interpreting services
- psychological services
- counseling services
- physical therapy
- occupational therapy
- orientation and mobility services
- parent counseling and training
- medical services
- school health services
- school nurse services
- school social work
- assistive technology services
- other
Your Parent Rights
As your child’s parent or guardian, you can expect to:

• be fully informed
• be notified about all meetings at least five school days before the meeting
• participate in decision making
• have all information explained
• request a change in meeting, date, time and location, if needed
• have confidentiality maintained
• be able to review all school records including any data collection records, reports, or evaluations on your child
Making the home-to-school connection

• Attend kindergarten orientation
• Participate in kindergarten screening
• Make an appointment at your school and take a tour
• Request an opportunity to visit in kindergarten classrooms
• Invite school personnel to observe your child in his/her program or community setting
• Inquire about the school procedure regarding meeting with your kindergarten teacher in advance
Thank you!

We are here to help parents by answering questions and providing support and education.

Let us help you.
Questions and Answers
Contact Us
Training Evaluation

Meeting Evaluation Survey