

**September 18, 2019** 

## Pathway School of Discovery IRN: 000138

# Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children 2018-2019 IDEA Selective Review Summary Report

#### Introduction

The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) would like to extend appreciation to the Pathway School of Discovery staff for their efforts, attention and time committed to the completion of the review process.

The following report is a summary of the onsite review conducted by OEC on April 30 and May 1, 2019, as part of its general supervision requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Am. Sub. HB1.

#### Overview

During the onsite review, OEC consultants monitor the educational agency's implementation of IDEA to ensure compliance and positive results for students with disabilities. The primary focus of the review is to:

- Improve educational results and functional outcomes for all students with disabilities; and
- Ensure that educational agencies meet program requirements under Part B of IDEA, particularly those requirements that are most closely related to improving educational results for students with disabilities.

Onsite reviews are targeted to include the following specific areas:

- Child Find;
- Delivery of Services;
- Least Restrictive Environment;
- IEP Verification of delivery of services;
- Parent Input; and
- Teacher and Administrator Interviews.

#### **Data Sources**

During the review, OEC considered information from the following sources:

#### 1. Public Parent Meeting and Written Comments

Pathway School of Discovery mailed 120 OEC approved letters to all families with students with disabilities in the educational agency. OEC provided the educational agency with a public meeting announcement to post on the district website. Public parent meeting dates for all educational agencies selected for onsite reviews are also posted on the ODE website.

On April 30, 2019, OEC consultants held a public meeting for parents and other interested parties. Eight parents/family members and one State Support Team (SST) Region 10 representative attended the public meeting. Attendees could speak to OEC representatives publicly in the meeting, speak to OEC representatives individually, provide written comments or both. Six attendees made comments during the public meeting. Written comment forms were available before, during and after the meeting. OEC received five written comments.

During the public meeting, parents were advised by OEC consultants of the formal complaint process under IDEA and that their public comments did not constitute a formal complaint. The participants were also informed that while the information they provided may be helpful to the review, it may not necessarily be acted upon as part of the review process. Ohio's procedural safeguards notice was available for participants who wanted a copy.

#### 2. Pre-Onsite Data Analysis

OEC conducted a comprehensive review which included district, building and grade level data; Special Education Performance Profile; Local Report Cards; Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP); and Education Management Information System (EMIS) data. The data analysis assisted OEC in determining potential growth areas and educational agency strengths.

## 3. Record Review/IEP Verification

Prior to the onsite visit, OEC consultants reviewed 12 records of school-age students with disabilities. OEC selected records of school-age students with disabilities from a variety of disability categories and ages. Six student records were selected for IEP verification in the classroom setting.

#### 4. Staff/Administrative Interviews

On April 30, 2019 OEC consultants held four sessions of interviews with five administrators and 11 teachers, school counselors, related services personnel and school psychologists. OEC interviews focused on the following review areas: Child Find; Delivery of Services; Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and IEP alignment and Discipline.

#### **Findings of Noncompliance**

A finding is made when noncompliance is identified with evaluation team report (ETR) and/or individualized education program (IEP) requirements. Noncompliance that is systemic in nature or that is identified in **30% or more** of the records reviewed by OEC and substantiated through other data sources must be included in a comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) with action steps to address each of the noncompliance findings. All noncompliance identified by OEC as part of the review (listed by subject area in the *OEC's Review Findings and Educational Agency Required Actions Table*) must be corrected as indicated in the *Evidence of Correction/Required Actions* column.

OEC provides separate written correspondence to the parent/guardian when action is required to correct findings of noncompliance for individual students. The educational agency will receive copies of this correspondence.

#### **Corrective Action Plan (CAP)**

The educational agency will develop a CAP to address any items identified in this summary report. An approved form for the CAP will be provided by OEC or can be accessed on ODE's website by using the keyword search "Monitoring." The CAP developed by the educational agency must include the following:

- · Activities to address all areas identified in this summary report;
- Documentation/evidence of implementation of the activities;
- Individuals responsible for implementing the activities;
- Resources needed;
- · Completion dates; and
- Continued Plan for Improvement and/or Compliance.

The educational agency must submit the CAP by email to <a href="mailto:joseph.kujkowski@education.ohio.gov">joseph.kujkowski@education.ohio.gov</a> within 30 school days from the date of this report. OEC will review the corrective action plan submitted by the educational agency for approval. If OEC deems that a revision(s) is necessary, the educational agency will be required to revise and resubmit. The educational agency will be contacted by OEC and notified when the action plan has been approved.

CAP Due Date: November 1, 2019

### **OEC Trainings**

As part of the OEC monitoring process, Pathway School of Discovery personnel, as identified by OEC, are required to complete the Special Education Essentials 2018-19 training modules within the Learning Management System (LMS). OEC will provide specific instructions on completing these training modules during the Summary Report presentation. Participants must achieve a 75% or more on each quiz. Participants who do not achieve at least 75% will be contacted by the State Support Team (SST) for additional training.

Completion of LMS Training Modules Due Date: November 1, 2019

#### **Individual Correction**

The educational agency has **60 school days** from the date of this summary report to correct all identified findings of noncompliance for individual students, unless noted otherwise in the report. Detailed information on individual findings are provided in a separate report.

Individual Correction Due Date: December 20, 2019

## **Systemic Correction**

The educational agency will provide OEC with documentation verifying the educational agency's completion of all CAP activities. OEC will verify systemic correction through the review of this documentation. If needed, OEC may request additional student records to review.

Completion of Systemic Correction Due Date: March 6, 2020

For questions regarding the review, please contact: Joseph Kujkowski, OEC Contact Consultant, at (614) 387-0377, toll-free at (877) 644-6338, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:joseph.kujkowski@education.ohio.gov">joseph.kujkowski@education.ohio.gov</a>.

## **OEC's Review Findings and Educational Agency Required Actions**

## Component 1: Child Find

Each educational agency shall adopt and implement written policies and procedures approved by the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children, that ensure all children with disabilities residing within the educational agency, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located, and evaluated as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and Federal Regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 300 pertaining to child find, including the regulations at 34 C.F.R. 300.111 and 300.646 and Rule 3301-51-03 of the

Ohio Operating Standards serving Children with Disabilities.

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| Review<br>Item | CFR or OAC              | Evidence of Findings   | Required Actions  | addressed in CAP   |
| CF-1           | 300.305(a) and          | Record Review  | Individual Correction   | ⊠ NA   |
|                | 3301-51-11<br>(c)(1)(a) | Preschool records were not reviewed.   | NA  |  |
|                |                         |  | Systemic Correction   |  |
|                |                         |  | NA  |  |
|                |                         |  |   |  |
| CF-2           | 3301-51-06              | Record Review  | Individual Correction   |  |
|                |                         | Two evaluations did not appropriately document interventions provided to resolve concerns for the child performing below grade-level standards.  | OEC has verified that these students have a current ETR in place, so no additional individual correction is required.   | The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective |
|                |                         | Other Considerations   | Systemic Correction   | Action Plan.   |
|                |                         | <ul> <li>For initial evaluations, the summary of interventions provided must include:</li> <li>1. A description of the research-based intervention(s) used,</li> <li>2. How long the intervention was provided (how many weeks),</li> <li>3. The intensity of the intervention – how often, and for how many minutes,</li> <li>4. A description of the results compared to the baseline data, and</li> <li>5. The decision was made as a result of the intervention(s).</li> </ul> | The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding documentation of intervention and supports provided prior to completion of the initial evaluation team report. |  |

| Record<br>Review<br>Item | Regulation 34<br>CFR or OAC              | Evidence of Findings  | Evidence of Correction  Required Actions   | Must be<br>addressed in<br>CAP   |
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|                          |  | <ol> <li>For reevaluations, the summary of interventions provided would include:</li> <li>A description as delineated above if interventions were provided in addition to the specially designed instruction, related services, and other supports contained in the IEP.</li> <li>If no additional interventions were provided, a statement that it was determined by the ETR team that the IEP special education supports and services were appropriate to meet the child's needs.</li> <li>This area cannot be left blank and must refer to actual interventions, if provided, and not simply accommodations or modifications.</li> </ol> |  |  |
| CF-3                     | 300.501(b)(1)<br>3301-51-06<br>(E)(2)(a) | Record Review  All student records showed evidence that the parent was afforded the opportunity to participate in the evaluation team planning meeting.   | Individual Correction  NA  Systemic Correction  NA   | ⊠ NA   |
| CF-4                     | 300.300                                  | Record Review  One student record did not provide evidence of parental consent obtained prior to new testing.   | Individual Correction None  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices for obtaining parental consent obtained prior to new testing. | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

| Record      | Regulation 34  |  | Evidence of Correction  | Must be   |
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| Review Item | CED = OAC  | Evidence of Findings   | Required Actions  | addressed in CAP  |
| CF-5        | 300.304(c)(4)<br>3301-51-01<br>3301-51-06<br>(E)(2)(a) | Record Review  Twelve (12) evaluations did not provide evidence that the evaluation addresses all areas related to the suspected disability.  Other Considerations  The Part 1s completed by the General Education Teachers for the area "progress in the general education curriculum" contained prompts that were embedded in the form. Therefore, it did not provide "summary of assessment results" as required. | Individual Correction  The educational agency will convene the ETR teams to conduct a reevaluation and provide evidence that the evaluation addresses all areas related to the suspected disability.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the evaluation process of addressing all areas related to the disability.   | ∀es     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| CF-6        | 300.306(c)   | Record Review Twelve (12) evaluations did not show evidence of clearly stating the summary of assessment results.  Other Considerations The ETRs did not contain a clear and concise summary of the assessment results, but merely a restatement of all the assessments. They were not written in "parent-friendly" language.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency will reconvene the ETR teams to conduct a reevaluation and provide a clear and concise summary of the data and assessment conducted that meets the requirements of 3301-51-06 (G) (Summary of information). The IEP team must consider the results of this reevaluation.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding summary of data and assessment results. | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.     |

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| CF-7                     | 300.306(c)                  | Record Review  Seven evaluation team reports did not contain a clear and succinct description of educational needs.  Other Considerations  Since prompts were embedded into the Part 1s completed by the general education teachers, educational needs were not addressed. Therefore, the summary of educational needs did not provide a comprehensive summary in Part 2.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency will reconvene the ETR teams to conduct a reevaluation and provide a clear and succinct description of the student's educational needs. The IEP team must consider the results of this reevaluation.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding description of educational needs.                                      | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| CF-8                     | 300.306(c)                  | Record Review  Eleven (11) evaluation team reports did not contain specific implications for instruction and progress monitoring.  Other Considerations  The description of the implications for instruction were generic in nature and did not address the specific needs of the child.  Since prompts were embedded into the Part 1s completed by the general education teachers, implications for instruction and progress monitoring were not addressed. Therefore, the summary of implications for instruction and progress monitoring did not provide a comprehensive summary in Part 2. | Individual Correction  The educational agency will reconvene the ETR teams to conduct a reevaluation and provide a clear description of specific implications for instruction and progress monitoring. The IEP team must consider the results of this reevaluation.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding implications for instruction and progress monitoring. | The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.     |

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| Item CFR or OAC                             |   | Required Actions       | addressed in<br>CAP  |
| CF-9 300.306(a)(1)<br>3301-51-01<br>(B)(21) | Record Review  Two evaluations did not show evidence that a group of qualified professionals, as appropriate to the suspected disability, were involved in determining whether the child is a child with a disability as well as the child's educational needs. |                        | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

## **Component 2: Delivery of Services**

Each educational agency shall have policies, procedures and practices to ensure that each child with a disability has an IEP that is developed, reviewed, and revised in a meeting and implemented in accordance with 300.320 through 300.324.

| Record         | Regulation 34   | mented in accordance with 300.320 through 300.32  | Evidence of Correction  | Must be addressed   |
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| Review<br>Item | CFR or OAC  | Evidence of Findings  | Required Actions  | in CAP  |
| DS-1           | SPP Indicator 13<br>300.320 (b)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(2) | <ul> <li>Record Review</li> <li>One IEP did not show evidence that the postsecondary transition plan met all eight required elements of the IDEA for the student, specifically in the following area(s):</li> <li>1. There are appropriate measurable postsecondary goal(s).</li> <li>2. The postsecondary goal(s) are updated annually.</li> <li>3. The postsecondary goal(s) were based on age appropriate transition assessment (AATA).</li> <li>4. There are transition services that will reasonably enable the student to meet the postsecondary goal(s).</li> <li>5. The transition services include courses of study that will reasonably enable the student to meet the postsecondary goal(s).</li> <li>6. The annual goal(s) are related to the student's transition service needs.</li> <li>7. There is evidence the student was invited to the IEP Team Meeting where transition services were discussed.</li> <li>8. When appropriate, there is evidence that a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team Meeting.</li> <li>Other Considerations</li> <li>There is an opportunity for professional development with AATA to include preferences, interests, needs and strengths.</li> </ul> | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the team to review and correct the postsecondary transition plan for the IEP identified as noncompliant or provide documentation of the student's withdrawal date from the educational agency.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding transition services. | The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

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| Review<br>Item | CFR or OAC       | Evidence of Findings  | Required Actions  | in CAP   |
| DS-2           | 300.320(a)(1)    | Record Review  Ten IEPs did not contain Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLOP) that addressed the needs of the student. To include, stating the expected grade-level standard in comparison to the student's current level of academic and/or functioning level.  Other Considerations  The present levels in the IEPs reviewed were inconsistent in quality and content. Measurable baseline data were missing in many cases. Often, the present levels of performance did not relate to the annual measurable goal and were missing grade level expectations. An internal monitoring and review system would be very helpful to promote compliance in present levels. | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the IEP teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend the PLOP related to each goal to include:  • Summary of current daily academic/behavior and/or functional performance (strengths and needs) compared to expected grade level standards in order to provide a frame of reference;  • Baseline data provided for developing a measurable goal.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the review of current academic/functional data when writing IEPs. | The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.            |
| DS-3           | 300.320(a)(2)(i) | Record Review Two IEPs did not contain annual goals that address the child's academic area(s) of need.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend the IEP. Annual goals must address the academic needs of the child unless the team provides evidence that the goals were prioritized based on the severity of the needs of the child.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of addressing identified academic needs.   | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

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| Review<br>Item | CFR or OAC       | Evidence of Findings  | Required Actions  | in CAP   |
| DS-4           | 300.320(a)(2)(i) | Record Review One IEP did not contain annual goals that address the child's functional area(s) of need.   | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review and amend the IEP. Annual goals must address the functional needs of the child unless the team provides evidence that the goals were prioritized based on the severity of the needs of the child.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of addressing identified functional needs.   | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-5           | 300.320(a)(2)(i) | Record Review  Six IEPs did not contain measurable annual goals. The desired performance criteria to the mastery level and the number of times the child must demonstrate the skill or behavior were either unclear and/or missing.  Other Considerations  Measurable annual goals in the IEPs reviewed were inconsistent in quality and content. Often one or more required elements were missing. An internal monitoring and review system would be very helpful to promote compliance in annual IEP goals. | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend annual goals to contain the following critical elements:  1. Clearly defined behavior: the specific action the child will be expected to perform.  2. The condition (situation, setting or given material) under which the behavior is to be performed.  3. Performance criteria desired: the level the child must demonstrate for mastery and the number of times the child must demonstrate the skill or behavior.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the development of measurable annual IEP goals. | ∑ Yes     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.  |

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| DS-6                     | 3301-51-07(B)<br>and (C)<br>3301-51-07(L)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(d) | Record Review  Six IEPs did not show evidence that data were collected and analyzed to monitor performance on each goal and objective.  Public Parent Meeting  Parents voiced concerns about Pathway School's process for progress monitoring. There was some confusion between the grades on their child's report card in comparison to mastery or nonmastery of IEP goals reported on the progress reports. To avoid confusion, find ways to integrate more transparency in the progress-monitoring process. This will also help ensure data are properly collected and reviewed, in a timely manner, to uncover when a student is not making progress. | Individual Correction None  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the process of collecting and analyzing data to determine the present levels of academic and functional performance the student made on each goal and objective.  | The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.     |
| DS-7                     | 300.320(a)(4)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(e)(i)                          | Record Review  Seven IEPs did not contain a statement of specially designed instruction (SDI) that addresses the individual needs of the child and supports the annual goals.  Other Considerations  Statements were vague or unclear to the nature of the instruction that aligns with the need(s) of the child and support achievement of annual goals.  To avoid confusion, find ways to eliminate words such as "or" and "may occur" in the SDI statements.   | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend the specially designed instruction, as appropriate, to address the needs of the child.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of determining specially designed instruction. | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

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| Review<br>Item | CFR or OAC                               | Evidence of Findings   | Required Actions   | in CAP   |
| DS-8           | 3301-51-07(L)(2)                         | Record Review Three IEPs did not contain measurable annual goals and services/placement consistent with progress made. | Individual Correction  None  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding measurable annual goals and services consistent with progress made.   | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-9           | 300.320(a)(7)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(i) | Record Review  One IEP did not indicate the location where the specially designed instruction will be provided.        | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review and amend the location where the specially designed instruction will be provided.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of determining the location where specially designed instruction will occur.                | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-10          | 300.320(a)(7)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(i) | Record Review Two IEPs did not indicate the amount of time and frequency of the specially designed instruction.        | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend the amount of time and frequency of the specially designed instruction.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of determining the amount and frequency of specially designed instruction to be provided. | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

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| DS-11                    | 300.320(a)(4)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(e) | Record Review  One IEP did not identify related services that address the needs of the child and support the annual goals.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review and amend the IEP to include related services that were identified as needed in the IEP.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of addressing identified related service needs.                | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-12                    | 300.320(a)(7)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(i) | Record Review  Seven IEPs did not indicate the location where the related services will be provided.  Other Considerations  To avoid confusion, find ways to eliminate descriptions like "separate class in regular school" when describing the location where related services will be provided. | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review and amend the IEP to include the location where the related services will be provided.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of determining the location where related services will occur. | ∑ Yes     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.  |

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| DS-13          | 300.320(a)(7)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(i) | Record Review  One IEP did not indicate the amount of time, duration and frequency of the related services to be provided.   | Individual Correction The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review and amend on the IEP the amount of time and frequency of the related services to be provided.  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the IEP process of determining the amount and frequency of related services to be provided. | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-14          | 3301-51-07                               | IEP Verification  Of the 12 IEPs reviewed, OEC conducted six IEP Verifications in the classroom setting. All verifications provided evidence that the IEPs are being implemented as written. | Individual Correction NA  Systemic Correction NA   | ⊠ NA   |
| DS-15          | 3301-51-07(L)                            | Record Review Two IEPs did not show evidence that revisions were made based on data indicating changes in student needs or abilities.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams to review and amend the IEPs to reflect changes made based on current needs or abilities.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding using data to revise IEPs based on changes in student needs or abilities.  | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.        |

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| DS-16                    | 300.324(a)(2)(v)<br>3301-51-<br>01(B)(3)    | Record Review Two IEPs did not identify assistive technology to enable the child to be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum.  Other Considerations Avoid using "as necessary" when describing the use of assistive technology. Specify when the child requires the use of assistive technology.  | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review assistive technology and/or services that would directly assist the child with a disability to increase, maintain, or improve their functional capabilities and include them on the IEP.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding assistive technology. | ∀es     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-17                    | 300.320(a)(6)(i)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(g) | Record Review  Six IEPs did not identify accommodations provided to enable the child to be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum.  Other Considerations  The educational agency recently implemented "Accommodations Sheets" (to track when and where accommodations were taking place). There is an opportunity to check for fidelity with scheduled administrative checks and teacher feedback to students. | Individual Correction  The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review the accommodations that would directly assist the child to access the course content without altering the scope or complexity of the information taught and include them on the IEP.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding accommodations.           | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.     |

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|                          |  |  | Required Actions   |   |
| DS-18                    | 300.320(a)(4)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(e) | Record Review  One IEP did not identify modifications to enable the child to be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum.  | Individual Correction The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review the modifications that would alter the amount or complexity of grade-level materials and would enable the child to be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum and include them in the IEP  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding modifications. | ∑ Yes     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-19                    | 3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(h)(ii)              | Record Review  One student record did not provide evidence that the IEP team used the AASCD Participation Criteria form when deciding if the alternate assessment is appropriate for the student.  | Individual Correction The educational agency must reconvene the team of the IEP identified as noncompliant to review and complete the AASCD Participation Criteria form. The team must decide if the alternate assessment is appropriate for the student.  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the use and completion of the AASCD Participation Criteria form.                           | ∑ Yes     The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |
| DS-20                    | 300.320(a)(4)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(e) | Record Review  Four IEPs did not identify supports for school personnel to enable the child to be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum.  Other Considerations  This section describes supports to school personnel (adult-to-adult) who may need assistance in implementing the child's IEP. | Individual Correction The educational agency must reconvene the teams of the IEPs identified as noncompliant to review the supports for school personnel that were identified by the IEP team and define the supports on the IEP including who will provide the support and when it will take place.  Systemic Correction The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding supports for school personnel.                  | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan.       |

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|                          |                             |  | Required Actions  |  |
| DS-21                    | 300.321(5)<br>3301-51-07(I) | Record Review Two IEPs did not indicate that the IEP Team included a group of qualified professionals. | Individual Correction  For the IEPs identified as noncompliant, the educational agency must:  Provide documentation that the parent was informed prior to the IEP meeting that the person qualified to interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results would not participate in the meeting, and  Provide a written excuse signed by the parents and the educational agency that allowed the person qualified to interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results not to be in attendance at the IEP meeting, or  Reconvene the IEP team to review the IEP with all required members present.  Systemic Correction  The educational agency must submit evidence to OEC of written procedures and practices regarding the involvement of people qualified to interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results in the IEP process. | No The educational agency does not need to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

## Component 3: Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and IEP Alignment

Each educational agency shall ensure that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or nonpublic institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are nondisabled; and that a continuum of alternative placements is available to meet the needs of children with disabilities for special education and related services.

| Record Regulation 34                                      | Evidence of Findings  | Evidence of Correction  | Must be addressed in CAP  |
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| Review Item CFR or OAC                                    |   | Required Actions  |   |
| LRE-1 300.114<br>300.320(a)(5)<br>3301-51-07<br>(H)(1)(f) | Record Review  Eight IEPs did not include an explanation of the extent to which the child will not participate with nondisabled children in the general education classroom.  Other Considerations  Explain to what extent and/or condition the student will receive instruction outside the general education classroom. LRE justification statements need to be specific, precise and clear about why the student is removed and when they are removed. | <ul> <li>include a justification as to why the child was removed from the general education classroom.</li> <li>The justification should:</li> <li>Be based on the needs of the child, not the disability.</li> <li>Reflect that the team has given adequate consideration to meeting the student's needs in</li> </ul> | Yes The educational agency needs to address this finding in a Corrective Action Plan. |

#### **Opportunities for Improvement**

- While many parents had positive comments to share about the educational agency, it must be noted that concerns were shared regarding the "inconsistent" communication from the school.
- To include paraprofessionals in the IEP process. During the interviews, it was shared that paraprofessionals play a vital role in the overall delivery of educational and support services to each child but excluded in the participation of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings They develop and maintain one-on-one relationships with their students, and families, that play an important role in the development and revision of each student's IEP. It also mirrors the National Heritage Academics (NHA) Special Education Handbook for Professional Staff (Pages 13 & 14 #4: IEP Process. "Ensure that all staff members required are in attendance and fully prepared". Page 15: "The Team is comprised of the group of individuals involved with the student special educators, general educators, paraprofessionals, counselor, principal, dean, and parent, and other educational providers that support this student.")