

TRANSITION OF TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES TO PRESCHOOL

Policy Statement

Preschool children who are eligible for additional supports and services under part B-Individual Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are entitled to special education and related services beginning at age three. Services shall be available to children residing in the Slate Valley Unified Union School District.

Rationale

The Slate Valley Unified Union School District will provide appropriate supports and services to students with disabilities ages three and up as agreed upon by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team.

Procedures

- 1) The initial comprehensive evaluation under Part B will occur when the initial evaluation for early intervention expires after three years.
- 2) The district supports families to be included in all components of the transition process including planning, site visits, and the development of the transition plan.
- 3) The district will participate in transition planning conferences arranged by the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) Service Coordinator beginning at least 90 days and up to six months prior to the child's third birthday, regardless of time of year (i.e., summer months). A written transition plan will be developed.
- 4) For children receiving special education instruction on an IFSP, eligibility for Essential Early Education (EEE) was established with their eligibility for early intervention services, and re-evaluation to determine eligibility for EEE when child is turning three is not required.
- 5) A child who has been eligible for early intervention services based on a diagnosed physical or mental condition may be eligible for EEE services if the evaluation and planning team determines that the child has a medical condition which may result in significant delays by the time the child enrolls in elementary school. The child's IEP planning team will determine the date when services under the IEP begin.
- 6) By the third birthday of a child participating in the Family Infant and Toddler Project assisted under Part C of IDEA who will transition to EEE, an IEP will be developed and will be implemented for the child.
- 7) Families will be asked to consent to EEE placement for the period of time between age three and the date the initial evaluation under Part B is due (three years from the initial evaluation under Part C).

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