



# ***Special Education Compliance***

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2019

# The IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities

Education Act (IDEA)



Federal Regulations



Missouri State Plan  
for Special Education



Standards and  
Indicators Manual



Local Compliance Plan  
and  
Assurance Statement



# Policies Related to Special Education

1. Board approved Local Model Compliance Plan
2. Board policy for Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)
3. Board policy for use of seclusion and restraint.
4. Board policy for IF using RTI for eligibility determination.
5. Board policy for Extended School Year (ESY)

# Key Elements for Compliance

- 1. Sponsor provides resources to support special education.
- 2. Relationship with Compliance Supervisor and RPDC Compliance Consultants.
- 3. Having special education staff and administrators trained in the special education process.





# Key Elements for Compliance Success

## Continued...

- 4. Having procedures and practices in place to implement the special education process.
- 5. Collaboration between administration and special education staff.
- 6. Ongoing training and networking with other Charter Schools and public school special education administrators (LASE, MO-CASE, CEC conferences).

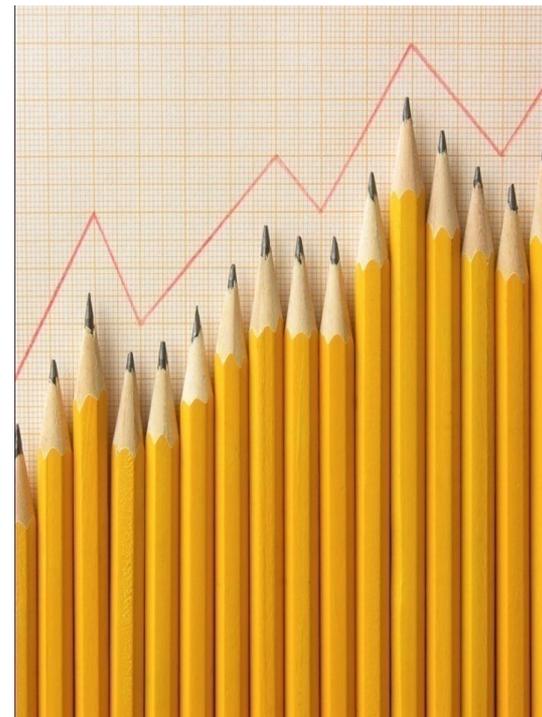
# Special Education Compliance Tiered Monitoring

## 2019-20 School Year

**Cohort 2 = Corrective Action Plan Year (CAP)**

**Cohort 3 = Self-Assessment Year**

**Cohort 1 = Maintain/Retrain Year**



# Historical trouble spots for charter schools

- IDEA transfer student process
- Contracted related services providers and evaluators



# Transfer Process

Use DESE resources including:

- The Compliance Standards and Indicators
- The DESE sample forms for In-State and Out-of-State transfers
- Compliance Supervisors at DESE
- Compliance Consultants
- The recorded Transfer Process webinar:

<http://dese.mo.gov/communications/webinar/transfer-process-students-disabilities>



# Contracting for Evaluations and Services



# Contracting for Evaluations

- Contractor MUST:
- Follow timelines
- Write assessment results consistent with the Standards and Indicators.

## Special Education Compliance Program Review Standards and Indicators



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of Special Education

Revised July 2014

# Remember when Contracting...

- The Charter School is ultimately responsible for the entire special education process
  - .....NOT the contractor.



# Helpful Compliance Resources

Located on the DESE Special Education Compliance web site under *General Guidance*:

- Monthly To Do Lists
- Myth of the Month
- Technical Assistance Documents and FAQs (multiple topics)

On the *Special Education Forms* page:

- Sample Forms
- Special Education Process Flow Charts

# Special Education List Serve (SELS)

- There are two lists, *SELS* and *SELS2*
  - *SELS* is limited to include only one contact person per agency
  - *SELS2* is unlimited, anyone can subscribe
- The same messages are sent to subscribers of each list
- Messages are sent through the list serves any time there are important updates or reminders for compliance requirements

# Questions...



# Thank you for participating!

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