

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office Hours: IEP – Compliant vs. Good Part 2 2/12/2025



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Compliance versus Best Practice

Our Supervision, Monitoring and Support Team has a variety of responsibilities. Two major components include:

- 1. Review Compliance
- 2. Professional Development

Everything captured on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is generated from those **Compliance** items, which are cited back to IDEA.

Best Practice is what we want for all students.

Best Practice is better programming.

Best Practice is what we present in training and meets all areas of Compliance.



Compliance versus Best Practice

Why should this matter?

As a Supervision, Monitoring and Support Team, we are tasked with <u>Compliance</u>.

However, <u>Best Practice</u> is a higher standard.





Compliance versus Best Practice

Consider this example -

<u>Compliance</u> – documenting in a Written Notice that a Parent chose to waive their right to 7-day notice to implement the IEP.

<u>Best Practice</u> – documenting in a Written Notice that a Parent chose to waive their right to 7-day notice to implement the IEP AND having them complete the *optional* form.

BOTH are correct but our team would only look for **Compliance**.

Best Practice

Compliance



If you missed Part 1 of Compliant vs. Good a recording will be available soon on our website

Professional Learning







2024-25 Cohort IEP Quick Reference Document

*Best Practice	Ma	ment of		
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	Maine Unified Special Education	- '		
ı	NDIVIDUALIZED EDUCA	TION PROGRAM (IEP)		
SAU or CDS Site:				
Date IEP Sent to Parent:				
FOT7- Compliance:				
☐ Date sent to parent is < 2	1 school days from Annual	Pate of IEP Meeting		
1. CHILD INFORMATION				
Child's Name:	Annı	al Date of IEP Meeting:		
Date of Birth:		ion of the IEP:		
Age: G	irade: Date	of Next Annual IEP Meeting:		
	FOT	- Compliance:		
		ate of next annual is within 364 days of annual		
	mee	ting date		
School/Program:	Date	Date of Re-Evaluation:		
Parent/Guardian Name:		s) of Amended IEP:		
Child's Address:	Case	Manager:		
City, State, ZIP:				
State Agency Client? YES NO)			
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2. DISABILITY				
□ Autism	□ Deaf-Blindness	☐ Deafness		
□ Developmental Delay (3-5)	 Developmental Delay (K 			
☐ Hearing Impairment	☐ Intellectual Disability	☐ Visual Impairment (including Blindness)		
Other Health Impairment	☐ Orthopedic Impairment	☐ Speech/Language Impairment		
☐ Specific Learning Disability	☐ Traumatic Brain Injury	☐ Multiple Disability		
		(check all applicable concomitant disabilities		



Section 4D – Compliance & Best Practice

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D.	Based on evaluative information in 4A, what are the child's distinctly measurable and persistent gaps in functional performance,
	and how do they affect the child's involvement and progress in the general education curriculum?
	FDP2- Compliance:
	☐ Functional and Developmental
	☐ Distinctly measurable and persistent skill gaps
	☐ Best Practice: Documented in a <u>bulleted</u> list
	☐ Best Practice: Focus on specific skill deficits e.g., self-initiation, organization, etc.
	FDP7- Compliance:
	☐ How the deficit has an adverse impact on the child accessing the general education curriculum
	☐ This MUST be included with the functional and developmental needs statement
	FDG1- Compliance:
	☐ Every Functional and Developmental skill gap in Section 4D and 4E is aligned to a goal in Section 5



Skill Deficits/Gaps -

Consider the following: Might Include (there are others)

Broad Functional Areas	Specific Skills		
Cognitive	Problem Solving, Self Awareness, Peer Interactions, Self Initiation or similar		
Communicative	Articulation, Following Directions, Answering Wh- Questions, Turn-Taking, Grammar or similar		
Motor (Fine/Gross)	Coloring, Cutting, Walking, Stairs or similar		
Adaptive	Toileting, Handwashing, Cooking, Eating, Dressing, Bathing or similar		
Social/Emotional	Peer Interactions, Self Regulation, Communication, Pragmatic Skills or similar		
Sensory	Processing, Self Advocacy, Attention to Task, Self Regulation or similar		

Distinctly Measurable and Persistent Gaps (Needs)



How Statement

Student Needs	How Statement		
(Cognitive) Mary's deficits in problem solving	impact her ability to safely engage with peers at grade level.		
(Communicative) Sarah's deficits with answering whquestions	impact her ability to contribute to group projects.		
(Motor) Michael's deficit with grasping items	impacts his ability use writing tools in class.		
(Adaptive) Beth's deficits in personal care	impact her ability to engage socially with same aged peers.		
(Social/Emotional) Tom's self regulation deficits	impact his ability to comprehend and apply social rules in the general education setting.		
(Sensory) Barb's tactile defensiveness	impact her ability to stay on task during large group lessons.		

Section 4D – Compliance & Best Practice

Best Practice:
-Focus on specific skill deficits
-Document in a bulleted list

Section 4D-Functional gaps

- D. Based on evaluative information in 4A, what are the child's distinctly measurable and persistent gaps in functional performance, and how do they affect the child's involvement and progress in the general education curriculum?
 - Handwriting

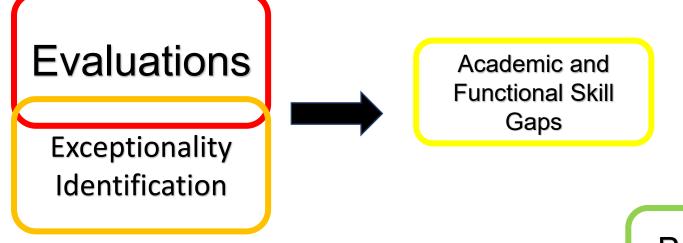
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Responding to questions

Jack's language delays affect his ability to communicate clearly and effectively within the classroom setting during instructional time with both his peers and teaching staff.



Compliance – There must be a measurable goal for <u>each</u> distinctly measurable and persistent skill gap.



One-to-one correspondence. There needs to be a goal for **each** skill gap listed in sections 4C and 4D.

Present Level of Performance

Measurable Goals



Measurable Goal for each distinctly measurable and persistent skill gap.

Functional

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By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

Section 5 (Functional/Developmental) – Compliance & Best Practice

FUNCTIONAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERFORMANCE: Functional performance refers to how the child is managing daily activities in
cognitive, communicative, motor, adaptive, social/emotional and sensory areas. Developmental performance refers to how the child
is performing developmentally (comparable to same age/grade peers) in physical, cognitive, communicative, social, emotional, and/or
adaptive areas.
Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(j) & (ii):
☐ Best Practice: Present level is baseline data for the corresponding goal
☐ Best Practice: Avoid a range of date (60-70%) and subjective words e.g., sometimes, often, seems to, etc.
Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c) Progress:
By <u>date</u> , given <u>service</u> , <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.
FDP5- Compliance:
☐ Must be measurable
☐ Must include measurement data
Cannot be specific curriculum or standard scores
☐ Best Practice: Focus goal on specific skill deficits e.g., self-initiation,
organization, etc.
☐ Best Practice: Measured using skill specific
measurements/assessments, data collected through teacher observation,
checklist/daily log, work samples
FDP6- Compliance:
☐ Every goal in Section 5 needs to be aligned to a service in Section 7

Section 5: Functional/Developmental Performance – Goals

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- Avoid a range of data (60-70% and subjective words

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adaptive areas.		

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(j) & (ii):

Jack can currently complete writing tasks with no letter reversals and correct placement of letters on the line in 1 out of 5 opportunities.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

Progress:

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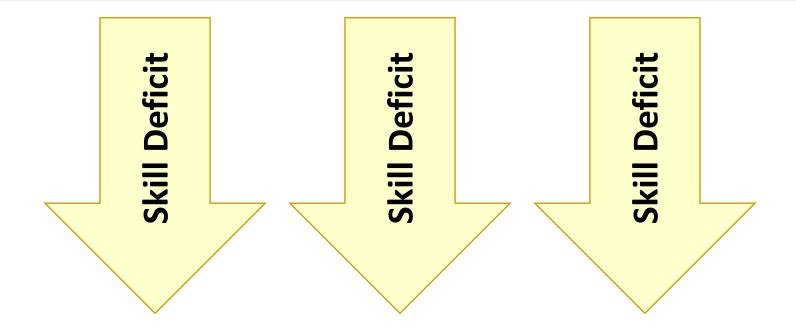
By 10/2025, given occupational therapy, Jack will complete writing tasks with no letter reversals and correct placement of letters on the line in 4 out of 5 opportunities as measured by work samples and teacher collected data.

Objective(s) required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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What are the outcomes/how are they being affected in the gen ed curriculum? What are the skill deficits that interfere with their ability to get there?

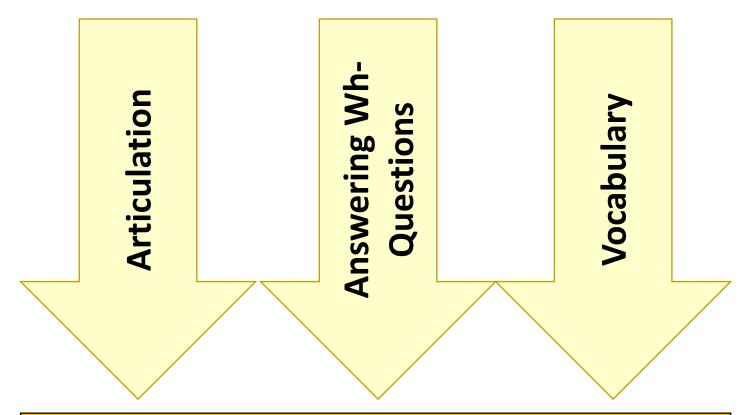
Then... what will we teach them?



How the deficits/gaps affect access to the gen ed curriculum



Examples might include:



Receptive/Expressive language skills on Grade Level



- Jack is in sixth grade and has been identified with an Other Health Impairment (ADHD).
- There are evaluations to support this, and they are documented in Section 4A.
- His IEP team identified the following specific skill deficit/How in Section 4D –
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D. Based on evaluative information in **4A**, what are the child's distinctly measurable and persistent gaps in **functional performance**, and **how** do they affect the child's involvement and progress in the general education curriculum?

Social/Emotional

- Identify feelings in self and others
- Identify self-regulation strategies

These gaps affect Jack's ability to maintain self-regulation in the classroom.

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii): When presented with photos, Jack identifies the correct feeling in 45% of trials.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

By December 2025, given direct Social Work services, Jack will identify basic feelings in himself and others in 75% of opportunities as measured by weekly data collection.

Objective(s) required? \square Yes \boxtimes No

By <u>date</u>, given <u>service</u>, <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.

By April 2025, given direct Social Work services, Jack will identify basic feelings in himself and others in 55% of opportunities as measured by weekly data collection.

By September 2025, given direct Social Work services, Jack will identify basic feelings in himself and others in 65% of opportunities as measured by weekly data collection.

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii): Jack can identify 3 different self-regulation strategies in 0% of opportunities.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

By <u>date</u>, given <u>service</u>, <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.

By December 2025, given direct Social Work services, Jack will identify 3 different self-regulation strategies in 55% of opportunities as measured by weekly data collection.



Don't Forget..

Reminder

Best Practice:

Focus each goal on one specific skill deficit

Measure the goal using skill specific measurements/assessments, data collection, work samples

Remember Remoder Don't Forget!



Section 5: Functional/Developmental **Performance** When are short-term objectives required?

- Short-term objectives are never required for functional goals but always allowed.
- Goals are for the life of the IEP (1 year)
- Objectives are shortterm (less than 1 year)

short-term



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● Phonetic (Standard) ○ IPA

adjective

- covering or applying to a relatively short period of time.
- maturing over a relatively short period of time: a short-term loan.

Source: Dictionary.com



Section 5: Functional/Developmental Performance – Goals

Progress:

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Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

By 10/2025, given occupational therapy, Jack will complete writing tasks with no letter reversals and correct placement of letters on the line in 4 out of 5 opportunities as measured by work samples and teacher collected data.

Objective(s) required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

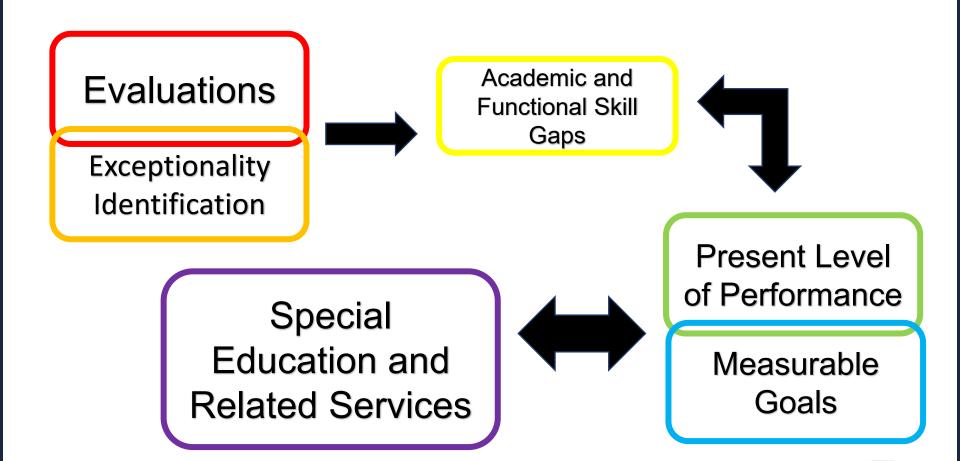
By <u>date</u>, given <u>service</u>, <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.

By 1/2026, given occupational therapy, Jack will complete writing tasks with no letter reversals and correct placement of letters on the line in 2 out of 5 opportunities as measured by work samples and teacher collected data.

By 6/2026, given occupational therapy, Jack will complete writing tasks with no letter reversals and correct placement of letters on the line in 3 out of 5 opportunities as measured by work samples and teacher collected data.



Compliance – There must be a service for each measurable goal.



Service for each Measurable Goal

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Objective(s) required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services	Speech/Language	Special	120	10/15/2024-
	Pathologist	Education	min/month	10/14/2025
Occupational Therapy	Occupational	Special	120	10/15/2024-
	Therapist	Education	min/month	10/14/2025



Chat Box Check In





Section 6 – Supplementary Aids, Services, Modifications and/or Supports Compliance

6. SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS, SERVICES, MODIFICATION	IS, AND/OR SUPPORT	S (MUSER IX.3.A.(:	1)(d) & (g))
In addition to ongoing classroom supports and services, suppler			-
appropriate accommodations that are necessary to measure the		and functional perfo	rmance of the child on
State and district-wide and classroom assessments (MUSER IX.3	.A.(1)(f)(j)).		
A. Supplementary <u>aids</u> , modifications, accommodations,	Location	Frequency	Duration
services, and/or supports for SAU personnel			Beginning/End Date
☐ Classroom Instruction			
☐ Classroom Assessment			
☐ District-wide Assessment			
☐ State Assessment			
☐ Classroom Instruction			
☐ Classroom Assessment			
☐ District-wide Assessment			
☐ State Assessment			
☐ Other			
SAS1- Compliance:			
☐ Teaching supports/tools included for student to I	be successful in gene	eral education and	d special education
☐ MUST fill all boxes across the row – if a suppleme	_		•
check when/where can be used, fill location, freque	ncy, and duration		
☐ Ed techs, BHPs, related service assistants, collabo	orations between sta	iff are listed here.	NOT the service
grid			

Supplementary aids, services, modification, and/or supports

В.	Does the child exhibit behavior that impedes the child's learning or that of others requiring positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies to address the behavior? (MUSER IX.3.C.(2)(a))	✓ YES □ NO
C.	Is the child identified as a student who is an English learner? (MUSER IX.3.C.(2)(b))	✓ YES □ NO
	i. Does the child have language needs, due to his/her English language proficiency level, which need to be addressed in the IEP?	✓ YES □ NO



6. SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS, SERVICES, MODIFICATIONS, AND/OR SUPPOR

In addition to ongoing classroom supports and services, supplemental aids, and modifical appropriate accommodations that are necessary to measure the academic achievement and State and district-wide and classroom assessments (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(f)(i)).

If a special consideration is marked yes in Section 3, it may be appropriate to document in Section 6 of the IEP.

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A. Supplementary aids, modif services, and/or supports f	-	Location	Frequ	Beginning/End Date
ILAP: Individual	☑ Classroom Instruction	Special	As Needed	10/15/2024-
Language Acquisition	☑ Classroom Assessment	Education and		10/14/2025
	☑ District-wide Assessment			10/11/2020
Plan	☑ State Assessment	General		
		Education		
Positive Behavior	☑ Classroom Instruction	General/Special	Throughout	10/15/2024-
Support Plan		Education	the entire	10/14/2025
Support Plan	☑ District-wide Assessment	Education		10/14/2023
	☑ State Assessment		school day	
1				

Section 6: Supplementary Aids, Services, Modifications and/or Supports

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii): Gracie utilizes self-regulation tools and strategies available, by asking for the tool and/or

strategy with adult prompting, in 25% of opportunities.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

By 12/2/2022, given specially designed instruction and a vi tools and strategies available (including but not limited to, fidgets, wobble stool/seat, option to stand, etc.), Gracie will added to Section 6 of the for a tool and/or strategy with adult prompting, in 75% of opportunities as measured by data collection, teacher reports,

If you are teaching supports that help a student to be successful, make sure those tools are IFP.

SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS, SERVICES, MODIFICA

and maintaining attention.

S, AND/OR SUPPORTS (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & (g))

In addition to ongoing classroom supports and services ental aids, and modifications, include a statement of any individual

			,	rant or any mantanan
appropriate accommodations th	nat are necessary to meas	academic achievement a	nd functional perfori	mance of the child on
State and district-wide and class	sroom assessments (MUSER3.	.A.(1)(f)(j)).		
A. Supplementary aids, modif	fications, accommodations,	Location	Frequency	Duration
services, and/or supports f	or SAU personnel			Beginning/End Date
*Sensory Tool Kit	☑ Classroom Instruction	Special	As Needed	10/15/2024-
	☑ Classroom Assessment	Education and		10/14/2025
*Help Card	☐ District-wide Assessment	_		10/14/2025
*Visual Schedule	☐ State Assessment	Regular		
*Wobble Seat/Stool		Education		
*Option to Sit or				
Stand				
*Fidgets				



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In addition to ongoing classroon appropriate accommodations the State and district-wide and class	at are necessary to measu	ire the	academic achievement		•
 Supplementary aids, modif services, and/or supports f 		s,	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning/End Date
Sensory tool kit	☑ Classroom Instruction	1	Special	As Needed	9/18/23-
Help card	□ Classroom Assessment	nt	Education and		9/17/24
•	☑ District-wide Assessm	ent			3/11/24
Break card	State Assessment		General		
Squishy	□ Classroom Assessment	nt	Education		
First/Then board	☑ District-wide Assessm	ent			
	State Assessment				
Extra Time	□ Classroom Instruction		Special	As Needed	9/18/13-
Quality over quantity		Fducation and			9/17/24
with product	☐ District-wide Assessm	ent	General		
-	☐ State Assessment	No	blank		
Frequent sensory			ation		
breaks		b	oxes		
Read Aloud/Human	☐ Classroom Instruction	1	Special	During	9/18/23-
Reader for	☐ Classroom Assessmer	nt	Education	NWEA	9/17/24
	☑ District-wide Assessm	ent	Luucation	1 1111	3/1//24
directions,	State Assessment			Reading	
questions/items, and				Window	
response items,					
NWEA reading					
	☐ Other			1	



"Other" could include collaboration and recommendations from related service providers that are **not** directly related to an annual IEP goal (For example, manipulation of the child's environment or instructional materials) - Procedural Manual pg. 27

6. SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS, SERVICES, MODIFICATIONS, AND/OR SUPPORTS (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & (g))

In addition to ongoing classroom supports and services, supplemental aids, and modifications, include a statement of any individual appropriate accommodations that are necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the child on State and district-wide and classroom assessments (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(f)(i)).

A. Supplementary aids, modifications, accommodations, services, and/or supports for SAU personnel		Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning/End Date
Educational Technician/BHP support in core content	 ☑ Classroom Instruction ☑ Classroom Assessment ☑ District-wide Assessment ☑ State Assessment 	General and Special Education Setting	As Needed	11/14/2022- 11/13/2023
	☐ Classroom Instruction ☐ Classroom Assessment ☐ District-wide Assessment ☐ State Assessment			
Regular Education Teacher/Occupational Therapist Collaboration	⊠ Other	General Education Setting	As Needed	11/14/2022- 11/13/2023

Discussion of progress and accommodations is not consultation. This should be documented in **Section 6** as an accommodation.



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	A. Supplementary aids, modifi	Supplementary aids, modifications, accommodations,		Frequency	Duration	
	services, and/or supports for SAO personnel				Deginning/End Date	
	Educational	□ Classroom Instruction	General and	As Needed	11/14/2022-	
	Technician/BHP	□ Classroom Assessment	Special		11/13/2023	
	•	☑ District-wide Assessment	•		11/13/2023	
	support in core		Education			
	content		Setting			
V		☐ Classroom Instruction				ļ
		☐ Classroom Assessment				
		☐ District-wide Assessment				
		☐ State Assessment				
	Regular Education	⊠ Other	General	As Needed	11/14/2022-	
	Teacher/Occupational		Education		11/13/2023	
	Therapist		Setting			
	Collaboration					

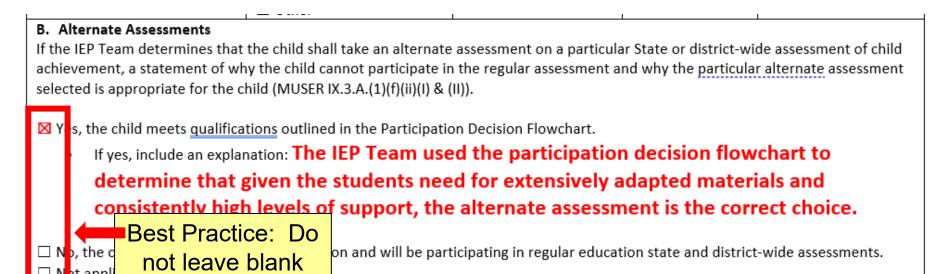
Educational Technicians, BHPs and Related Service assistants are always listed as accommodations

Section 6B – Alternate Assessment Compliance

B. Alternate Assessments
If the IEP Team determines that the child shall take an alternate assessment on a particular State or district-wide assessment of child
achievement, a statement of why the child cannot participate in the regular assessment and why the particular alternate assessment
selected is appropriate for the child (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(f)(ii)(I) & (II)).
☐ Yes, the child meets <u>qualifications</u> outlined in the Participation Decision Flowchart.
If yes, include an explanation:
□ No, the child does not meet the qualification and will be participating in regular education state and district-wide assessments.
☐ Not applicable.
ALT1- Compliance:
☐ If 'Yes', an explanation MUST be present
The IEP team decides, based on the Participation Decision Flowchart, if the child participates in the
Alternate Assessments
ALT2- Compliance:
☐ If the child does participate, their academic goals MUST have objectives



Section 6B: Alternate Assessment

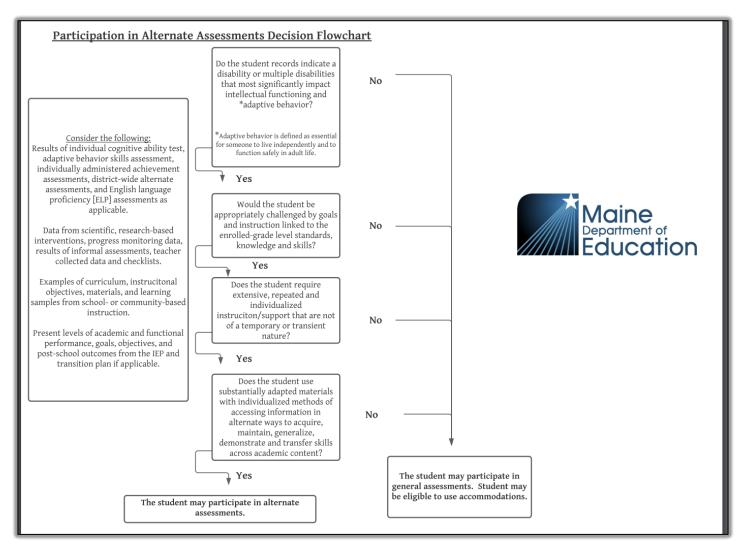


If the child requires the alternate assessment:

- Check "Yes"
- Provide an explanation
- Child's academic goals require objectives



Section: 6B Alternate Assessment



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Section: 6B Alternate Assessment

If the student is determined eligible for alternate assessment per the Participation Guideline document, all academic goals must have short-term objectives aligned to the Alternate Academic Achievement Standards (AA-AAAS).

34 CFR 300.320(a)(2)(ii) MUSER IX.3.A(1)(a)(iii)

These are students who are learning content adapted from grade level standards, reduced in breadth, depth, and complexity. In Maine, these alternate academic achievement standards are the Core Content Connectors in ELA and Mathematics and the Extended Performance Expectations in Science.

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Section: 6B Alternate Assessment

Present Levels of Academic Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii)):

Lily is currently able to participate in conversations (including but not limited <u>to</u>: eye contact with the speaker, use of text to speech device), and express her own thoughts in 5 out of 10 opportunities per week.

Progress:

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

By November 5, 2024, given specially designed instruction in reading strategies, Lily will participate in conversations and express her own thoughts in 8 out of 10 opportunities per week as measured by teacher observation and data collection. CCSL.1

Objective(s) required?

✓ Yes

No

By $\underline{\text{date}}$, given $\underline{\text{service}}$, $\underline{\text{child's name}}$ will $\underline{\text{skill}}$ as measured by evidence.

By February 5, 2024, given specially designed instruction in reading strategies, Lily will participate in conversations and express her own thoughts in 6 out of 10 opportunities per week as measured by teacher observation and data collection.

By May 5, 2024, given specially designed instruction in reading strategies, Lily will participate in conversations and express her own thoughts in 7 out of 10 opportunities per week as measured by teacher observation and data collection.



Section 6: Supplementary Aids, Services, Modifications and/or Supports

Resources

- Maine Through Year Assessment Overview | Maine Department of Education
- Multilingual Learners with Disabilities Maine Department of Education
 - Multilingual Learner Document link to recorded training
- MSAA Overview | Maine Department of Education



Section 7 – Special Education and Related Services Compliance & Best Practice

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction				
Speech/Language Services				
Consultation				
Tutorial Instruction				
Extended School Year				
Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services				
Occupational Therapy				
Physical Therapy				
Social Work Services				
Nursing Services				
Transportation				
Other				

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	Child's needs drive services and frequency, not school schedule
	Location can be Special Education, General Education or Both
	Document frequency in parent friendly, understandable terms
	Service time is actual delivery time of SDI provided
	Do NOT include content areas (SS, Science) in Service Grid
	Responsible position is certified staff only (no ed tech or assistants)
	Best Practice: Every service in Section 7 needs to align to a goal in Section 5, including consultation
SV	C4- Compliance:

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Consider this

Child's needs drive services and their frequencies not the school or program schedule.

Schoolwide block scheduling looks like this -

9:00-10:00	Special Ed Study Hall	
9:00-10:00	General Ed Study Hall	

Student's IEP looks like this -

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration
				Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	30 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Reading	Teacher	Education	week	10/14/2025

Once the student is finished working on goals related to Reading Comprehension, they should be offered the opportunity to return to General Ed. If it is in Section 6 of their IEP as an accommodation, they may choose to stay.

The student's IEP should reflect their Distinctly/Measurable Skill Deficits and should not be written to align with school scheduling.

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Section 7: Special Education and Related Services

- Content areas such as: Social Studies, Science, Health, etc. should not be identified in the service grid.
- Do not write goals around Social Studies, Science, Health etc.

If a student requires support in one of these content areas,
 SDI should be provided in the specific skill deficit (reading comprehension, executive functioning, written expression,

etc.).

Section 7: Special Education and Related Services

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction				
Speech/Language Services	MUST FILL -	MUST FILL -	MUST FILL -	MUST FILL
Consultation	Certified	Special Education	Minutes	
Tutorial Instruction		•	Minutes,	
Extended School Year Related Services	special educators or licensed related service providers are positions	Setting, General Education Setting, or Special Education/General Education Setting	hours, weekly, daily, or monthly	Adjust dates to reflect duration of ESY Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services				
Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy	responsible	Location		MUST FILL
Other whe	n: The child is a child	ices are a direct spec with a Speech/Langu of a Multiple Disabil	age impairment	vice

2. The child is a child with Autism and Speech/Language

services are the child's only service.

• **Consultation** is to ensure that skills developed in a previously more restrictive setting (SDI) are being carried over into a less restrictive setting (general education setting). It is specific to student goals and should be documented in the goal itself. "Given consultation, child will…" or "Given specially designed instruction and consultation child will…"

Section 7

Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services				
Occupational Therapy Consult	Occupational Therapist	Special Education	30 min monthly	10/15/2023- 10/14/2024



• Discussion of progress and accommodations is not consultation. This should be documented in **Section 6** as an accommodation.

Section 6

Occion o	□ Jtate Assessment	I	I	I
Regular Education	☑ Other	General	As Needed	11/14/2022-
Teacher/Occupational		Education		11/13/2023
Therapist		Setting		
Collaboration				



Section 5

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii):

Elaine can independently utilize a tool from her individualized tool kit, in 0 out of 5 opportunities.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

Progress:

By <u>date</u>, given <u>service</u>, <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.

By 10/14/2024, given specially designed instruction and consult from an occupational therapist, Elaine will independently utilize a tool from her individualized tool kit, (including but not limited to break card, help card, fidget, first/then board, or similar) in 4 out of 5 opportunities as measured by teacher observation and data collection.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SER S (MUSER IX .A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction Self-Regulation Skills	Special Education Teacher	Special Education	30 minutes per day	10/15/2023- 10/14/2024
Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Occupational Therapy Consultation	Occupational Therapist	Special Education/General Education	15 minutes per month	10/15/2023- 10/14/2024

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Section 7 – Services are provided according to the IEP

For each IEP reviewed, complete the chart (below) for each service the student receives **OR** provide schedules of providers (special education and related services) showing when students receive their services.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	5 hrs/week	10/15/2024-
Reading	Teacher	Education	•	10/14/2025
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	General/Special	2.5 hrs/week	10/15/2024-
Writing	Teacher	Education		10/14/2025
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	5 hrs/week	10/15/2024-
Math	Teacher	Education		10/14/2025
Speech/Language Services				
Consultation				
Tutorial Instruction				
Extended School Year				
Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services	Speech/Language	Special	120	10/15/2024-
	Pathologist	Education	min/month	10/14/2025
Occupational Therapy	Occupational	Special	120	10/15/2024-
equency of Note	erapist	Education	min/month	10/14/2025

Student Name	Direct and related services required as stated on service grid of IEP	Person providing the service	When seen by the provider	Frequency of each session	Notes
Example: J. Doe	SDI Reading	Page Turner	M-F	60 min	
	SDI Writing	Page Turner	M-F	30 min	
	SDI Math	Page Turner	M-F	45 min	
	Speech/Lang	Emma Articulate	Thursday	30 min	
	OT	Joe Visual	Monday	30 min	
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Section 8 – Least Restrictive Environment Compliance

8. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

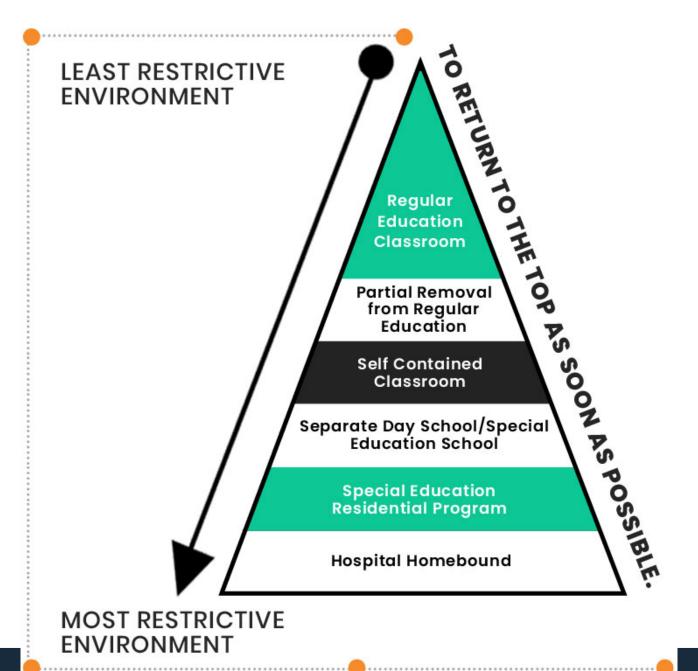
FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5	ONLY (CDS)		
What percentage of time			
LRE3- Compliance:		An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child	
☐ Percentage of time with same age peers is recorded			will not participate with non-disabled children in the
General Educat	tion Setting	Special Education Setting	regular class and in extracurricular and other non- academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):
More than or equal to	Less than 10 hours	Total # of hours:	
10 hours			LRE1- Compliance:
			☐ Include how the nature and severity of the
			disability affects the student's ability to be
			with same-age peers
FOR K-12 ONLY			
What percentage of	An explanation of the	e extent, if any, to which the	child will not participate with non-disabled children in the
time is this child with	regular class and in e	extracurricular and other non	-academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):
non-disabled children?	LRE1- Compliance	<u>e:</u>	
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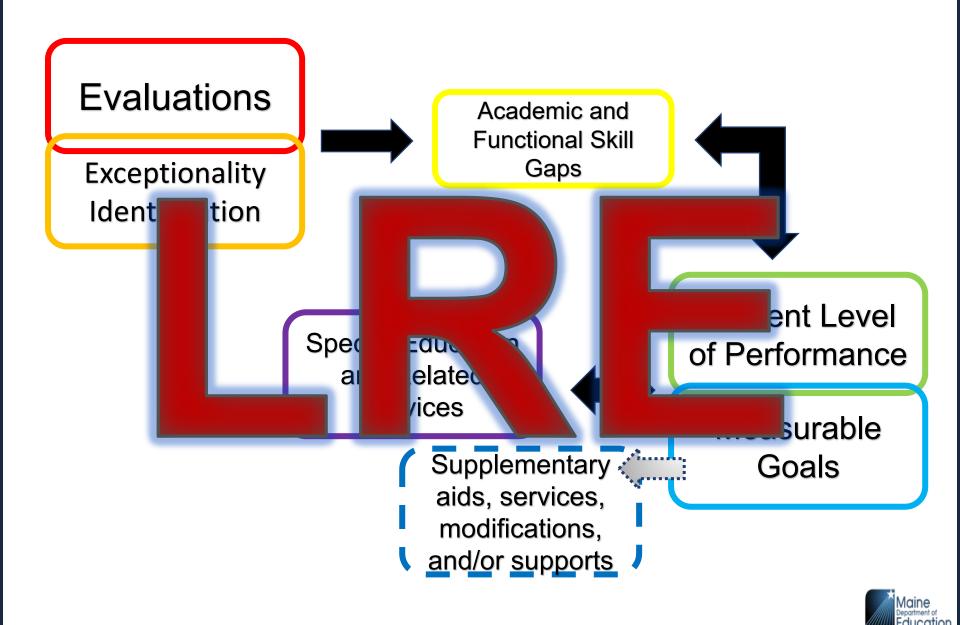
Section 8: Least Restrictive Environment

"To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, shall be educated with children who are not disabled, and special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities from the regular educational environment shall occur only when the <u>nature</u> or <u>severity</u> of the <u>disability</u> of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily." MUSER [20 USC 1412(a)(5) and 34 CFR 300.114]









Section 8: Least Restrictive Environment

- LRE is about the student's access to general education instruction
 - Working on completely different skills or a subset of skills than what their peers are learning, within the general education classroom, is <u>not LRE</u>
 - Working on a subset of skills of the general education content, within the general education, classroom is LRE
 - When in the general education setting, are they receiving the same access to general education curriculum as their peers?



Section 8: Least Restrictive Environment

8. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5	ONLY (CDS)				
What percentage of time is this child with non-disabled children?					
General Education Setting		Special Education Setting	An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child		
More than or equal to	Less than 10 hours	Total # of hours:	will not participate with non-disabled children in the		
10 hours			regular class and in extracurricular and other non-		
			academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):		
FOR K-12 ONLY					
What percentage of	An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child will not participate with non-disabled children in the				
time is this child with	regular class and in extracurricular and other non-academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):				
non-disabled children?	Sammy's Other Health Impairment due to ADHD is to such a degree that he				
73%	73%				
	requires individual and small group instruction in the special education				
	environment.				







Let's Review...



Why is this noncompliant?

Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(i) & (ii):	
Jack has moderate deficits with receptive language.	
Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)	Progress:
By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.	
By 10/2025, given speech/language therapy, Jack will improve	
his receptive language skills as measured by work samples and	
teacher collected data.	
Objective(s) required? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
By <u>date</u> , given <u>service</u> , <u>child's name</u> will <u>skill</u> as measured by evidence.	

✓ Goal is not measurable



Instead...



Present Levels of Functional/Developmental Performance (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(a)(j) & (ii):

Jack appropriately responds to verbal and written questions with 47% accuracy.

Measurable Goal (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(b) & (c)

Progress:

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.

By 10/2025, given speech/language therapy, Jack will appropriately respond to verbal and written questions with 80% accuracy as measured by work samples and teacher collected data.

Objective(s) required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

By date, given service, child's name will skill as measured by evidence.





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Let's Review...



Why is this noncompliant?

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration
				Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	30 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Reading	Teacher	Education	week	10/15/2025
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Regular	45 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Science	Teacher	Education	week	10/15/2025

✓ SDI in Science

✓ Duration is greater than 364 days



Instead...



7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration
				Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	30 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Reading	Teacher	Education	week	10/14/2025



Try this





Let's Review...

Why is this noncompliant?



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7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Educational		30 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Reading	Technician		week	10/14/2025
Speech/Language Services				
Consultation				
Tutorial Instruction				
Extended School Year	Educational		4 hours per day	10/15/2024-
	Technician			10/14/2025
Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services	Speech/Language		60 minutes per	10/15/2024-
	Dathalagist		wook	10/14/2025

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- ✓ Location is blank
- ✓ Educational Technician can not be the Person Responsible
- ✓ ESY is documented for whole IEP and not ESY dates

Instead...



7. SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(d) & IX.3.A.(1)(g))

Special Education Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Specially Designed Instruction	Special Education	Special	30 minutes per	10/15/2024-
Reading	Teacher	Education	week	10/14/2025
Speech/Language Services				
Consultation				
Tutorial Instruction				
Extended School Year	Special Education	Special	4 hours per day	7/5/2025-
	Teacher	Education		8/15/2025
Related Services	Position Responsible	Location	Frequency	Duration Beginning and End Date
Speech/Language Services	Speech/Language	Special	60 minutes per	10/15/2024-
	Pathologist	Education	week	10/14/2025
Occupational Therapy				
Physical Therapy				
Social Work Services				
Nursing Services				
Transportation				

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What's wrong?

Why is this noncompliant?



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8. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5	ONLY (CDS)					
What percentage of time	is this child with non-					
General Education Setting		Special Education Setting	An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child			
More than or equal to	Less than 10 hours	Total # of hours:	will not participate with non-disabled children in the			
10 hours			regular class and in extracurricular and other non-			
			academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):			
FOR K-12 ONLY						
What percentage of	An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child will not participate with non-disabled children in the					
time is this child with	regular class and in extracurricular and other non-academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):					
non-disabled children?	Jack attends all specials as well as lunch and recess with his peers but					
33 %	receives specially designed instruction 18 hours/week and					
	•					
	speech/language therapy 2 hours/week					

✓ Does not address the nature and severity of the disability
 ✓ Restates the service grid

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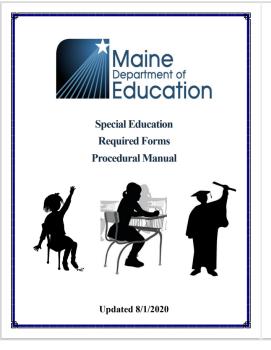
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What percentage of time is this child with non-disabled children?				
General Education Setting		Special Education Setting	An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the child	
More than or equal to 10 hours		Total # of hours:	will not participate with non-disabled children in the regular class and in extracurricular and other non-academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)):	
FOR K-12 ONLY				
What percentage of time is this child with non-disabled children?	regular class and in e	xtracurricular and other non- ealth Impairment du	child will not participate with non-disabled children in the -academic activities (MUSER IX.3.A.(1)(e)): le to ADHD is to such a degree that he the special education setting.	







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Maine Unified Special Education Regulations (MUSER)



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Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty-Two

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2024-25 Cohort IEP Quick Reference Document *Compliance *Best Practice Maine Education Maine Unified Special Education Regulations (MUSER IX.3.G.) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP) SAU or CDS Site: Date IEP Sent to Parent: FOT7- Compliance: ☐ Date sent to parent is < 21 school days from Annual Date of IEP Meeting 1. CHILD INFORMATION Child's Name: Annual Date of IEP Meeting: Date of Birth: Duration of the IEP: Age: Grade: Date of Next Annual IEP Meeting: FOT8- Compliance: ■ Date of next annual is within 364 days of annual meeting date School/Program: Date of Re-Evaluation: Parent/Guardian Name: Date(s) of Amended IEP: Child's Address: Case Manager: City, State, ZIP: State Agency Client? ☐ YES ☐ NO 2. DISABILITY □ Autism □ Deaf-Blindness □ Deafness ☐ Developmental Delay (3-5) □ Developmental Delay (Kindergarten) ☐ Emotional Disturbance ☐ Hearing Impairment ☐ Intellectual Disability ☐ Visual Impairment (including Blindness) ☐ Other Health Impairment □ Orthopedic Impairment ☐ Speech/Language Impairment ☐ Specific Learning Disability □ Traumatic Brain Injury ☐ Multiple Disability (check all applicable concomitant disabilities) Compliance: Only one disability checked, unless Multiple Disability is checked

☐ If Multiple Disability is checked, all disabilities making up the multiple are checked





Professional Development Calendar

Link for Recordings and Power Points





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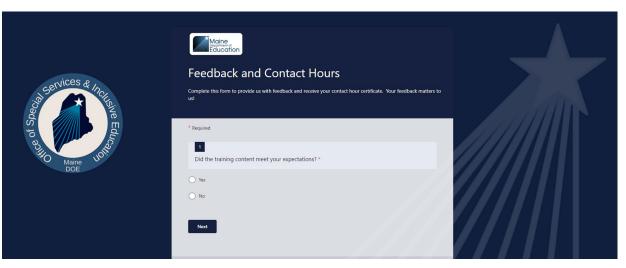
2024-25 Professional Development Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	TOPIC/DESCRIPTION	REGISTRATION LINK
Wednesday 9/11/24	Resources	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Wednesday 9/25/24	IEP Essentials for New Teachers	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Wednesday 10/9/24	Alignment	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Tuesday 10/15/24	All District IEP Training	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Wednesday 10/23/24	Advanced Written Notice and Written Notice	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Thursday 10/31/24	All District B13 Training	<u>YouTube</u> <u>Slides</u>
Wednesday 11/13/24	Inclusion Presented by: Tracy Whitlock	Recording coming soon
Wednesday 12/11/24	How Community Case Managers Can Help IEP Teams Presented by: KVBH	Recording coming soon

2024-25 Professional Development Schedule (cont.)

<u>DATE</u>	TOPIC/DESCRIPTION	REGISTRATION LINK	
Wednesday 1/8/25	Alternate Assessments Guest Speaker: Jodi Bossio-Smith	Recording coming soon	
Wednesday 1/22/25	Compliant versus Good IEPs Developing a Strong IEP Part 1	Recording coming soon	
Wednesday 2/12/25	Compliant versus Good IEPs Developing a Strong IEP Part 2	Recording coming soon	
Wednesday 2/26/25	Accommodations and Services	Accommodations & Services Registration Link	
Wednesday 3/12/25	Transition from CDS to Public School Guest Speaker: Lori Whittemore	Transition from CDS to Public School Registration Link	
Wednesday 3/26/25	Abbreviated Day	Abbreviated Day Registration Link	
Wednesday 4/9/25	Special Education Law for General Education Teachers Guest Speaker: Leigh Lardieri	Special Education Law for General Education Teachers Registration Link	
Monday 5/12/25	All District B13 Transition Training	All District B13 Transition Training Registration Link (5/12/24)	
Wednesday 5/14/25	Forms	Forms Registration Link	
Friday 5/28/25	Discipline & Manifestation Determination	<u>Discipline & Manifestation</u> <u>Determination</u>	Maine Department of Educat

Professional Learning Feedback and Contact Hour Form.



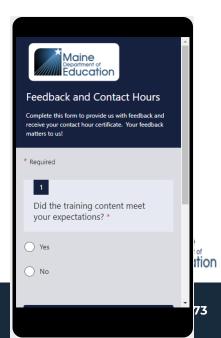
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