The mission of The Learning Center for the Deaf is to ensure that all deaf and hard of hearing children and adults thrive by having the knowledge, opportunity and power to design the future of their choice.



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Thank You! We Will Begin Soon...



Welcome! Tonight's Agenda:

- Host:
 - Glennis Matthews, TLC Superintendent
- Community ASL Classes for Families
- The ASL Shop
- Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application
- IEP Process
 - Toni Ammirati, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 - Janice Wenstrom, ECC & Elementary Assistant Principal



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Community ASL Classes

ASL Shop

Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application



The ASL Shop



Communication Access Services



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IEP Process







October 30, 2024 The Massachusetts IEP

Toni Ammirati - Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Janice Wenstrom - ECC & Elementary Assistant Principal





AGENDA:

The New IEP Rationale

The New IEP form

Questions

Link to DESE IEP form:

https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/ImproveIEP/iep-form





GOAL: To familiarize families with new IEP form.

We are happy to set up an individual meet with you to address any questions or concerns you might have.

<u>tammirati@tlcdeaf.org</u> <u>jwenstrom@tlcdeaf.org</u>





This is a new IEP for all of us.

We are sharing what we have learned from our DESE trainings and our recent IEP meetings. We expect to continue to learn as we have more experience with this form.

The IEP is ultimately the responsibility of the sending district. MPS & WS teams work collaboratively with families and the their districts to develop an IEP for your child.



How Did We Get Here?

2000-present

Massachusetts DESE Previous IEP form

2014

The IEP Improvement
Project 2014.

Draft of new form released
April 2023

September 2023

Designated districts pilot the new IEP form

2024-2025 SY

TLC adopted the new IEP form (All MA schools are required to adopt this form by November



Areas of Focus for Improved IEP Form

This is how we begin

Student voice drives the IEP

Improved progression and presentation of information throughout the document

Ensuring that all disability related needs are addressed

This is integrated throughout the IEP

Integrated transition planning to a clear graduation pathway

Help families better access the IEP

What concern(s) do you want this IEP to address?	
STUDENT AND TEAM VISION	Dutting the student
Student's Vision (ages 3–13)	Putting the student
This year, I want to learn:	and their family at
By the time I finish (circle one: elementary or middle school), I want to:	the center of the IEP process. Also
Student's Vision/Postsecondary Goals (required for ages 14–22, may be completed earlier if ap	ppropriate)
While I am in high school, I want to:	promoting self-
After I finish high school, my education or training plans are:	advocacy.
After I finish high school, my employment plans are:	
After I finish high school, my independent living plans are:	
Additional Team Vision Ideas	
In response to the student's vision, this year:	
In response to the student's vision, in 5 years:	

Example Resources for Student Vision

(ECC) Observe student choices and skills during playtime; this can provide information about what students want to learn.

(Elementary) Ask students what they want to learn, and what they want to do after they leave elementary school.

(Secondary) Meet with Transition Coordinator and/or following teacher. Discuss their plans for the post graduation.

I am _____ years old.

I am in _____ grade.

I communicate best when using

My favorite class is

I like

I don't like

I am good at





PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANC : ACADEMICS

Autism Specific Questions

Goals/Objectives

Describe the student's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance in the relevant and below.

Consider the areas of learning listed below and <u>complete only the sections that apply to the student</u>. Include relevant information and data from sources such as initial or most recent evaluations; documentation from classroom performance; parent(s), student, and teacher observations; and curriculum-based and standardized assessments, including MCAS.

		Check all that apply: English Language Arts History and Social Sciences Math Science, Technology, and Engineering	Strengths, interest areas, and preferences	progress in the general education curriculum or appropriate preschool activities
		Current Performance	Strengths, Interests, Preferences	Impact of disability related to general education programming
<u></u>	/	ism-Specific Question: Does the student have needs re elopment (e.g., organizational support, generalizing sk	sulting from the disability that impact progress in the getills, practicing skills in multiple environments)?	neral curriculum, including social and emotional
,	If ye	es, this need will be addressed in the following section	(s) of the IEP:	
	ر کا ا	commodations/Modifications	Services Delivery Grid	

This is separated into four areas:
 Academics,
 Behavioral/Social/
 Emotional,
Communication AND
 Other Areas
 as needed

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Additional Information

PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE: BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL describe current behavioral/social/emotional Impact of student's disability on involvement Briefly Strengths, interest areas, and performance. Consider the use of positive behavioral and progress in the general education curriculum interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address preferences behavior that impedes learning. or appropriate preschool activities This is the same form but specifically **Bullying** Describe any disability-related skills and proficiencies the student needs in order to avoid and respond to bullying, Specify how these needs, if any, will be harassment, or teasing. This section must be completed for students who have a disability that affects social skills **Behavioral/Social/** addressed in the IEP. development; students vulnerable to bullying, harassment, or teasing; and students with autism. **Emotional** Autism-Specific Question: Does the student require any positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports to address their behavioral difficulties resulting from autism spectrum disorder? **Autism** ☐ Yes □ No Autism-Specific Question: Does the student need to develop social interaction skills and proficiencies? **Specific** ☐ Yes □ No Questions Autism-Specific Question: Does the student have needs related to changes in environment or to daily routines? ☐ Yes ☐ No Autism-Specific Question: Does the student have needs related to repetitive activities and movements? ☐ Yes Autism-Specific Question: Does the student have needs resulting from their unusual responses to sensory experiences? ☐ Yes If yes to any of the above, these needs will be addressed in the following section(s) of the IEP: Accommodations/Modifications Services Delivery Grid Goals/Objectives Additional Information

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PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMAL	E: COMMUNICATION

This is the same

form but specifically for Communication

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Briefly describe current communication performance.	Strengths, interest areas, and pref	erences Impact of student's disability on involvement and progress in the general education curriculum or appropriate preschool activities						
Does the student require the use of augmentative and alt limited speech.	ernative communication (AAC)? Consider a	ny AAC needs for non-speaking students or those with						
☐ Yes ☐ No								
If yes, describe how the Team will address the student's n device/system).	eeds (including acquiring, designing, custo	mizing, maintaining, repairing, and/or replacing AAC						
 □ The student needs an AAC device/system at school. □ The student needs an AAC device/system at home or in other non-school settings to receive a free appropriate public education. □ The student needs training and/or technical assistance to use the AAC device/system. 								
	 □ The student's family needs training and/or technical assistance concerning the AAC device/system. □ Educators, other professionals, employers, or others who work with the student need training and/or technical assistance concerning the AAC device/system. 							
These needs will be addressed in the following section(s)	of the IEP:							
Accommodations/Modifications	☐ Service	es Delivery Grid						
Goals/Objectives		nal Information						
Autism-Specific Question: Does the student have needs in technology/AAC evaluation(s)?	the areas of verbal and nonverbal commu	nication, including but not limited to those identified in assistive						
☐ Yes ☐ No								
If yes, these needs will be addressed in the following sec	If yes, these needs will be addressed in the following section(s) of the IEP:							
Accommodations/Modifications	Services	s Delivery Grid						
Goals/Objectives	Additio	nal Information						

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		PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMAN (E: ADDITIONAL AREAS				
Additional Areas, as Applicable	Strengths, interest areas, and preferences	Impact of stude	ent's disability on involvement and			
(such as activities of daily living, health,		progress in the	progress in the general education curriculum or			
hearing, motor, sensory, and vision)		appro	ppriate preschool activities			
Briefly describe current performance and any applicable documentation.						
Please note that parent(s) are only asked to share						
health information voluntarily.						
Deaf or Hard of Hearing						
The student is deaf or hard of hearing, and their language and communication needs will be addressed in the following section(s) of the IEP:						
Accommodations/Modifications Goals/Objectives		•				
Blind or Visually Impaired (including Cortical Visual			Specific Questions for Deaf			
mpairment) \square Braille is needed and will be addressed in the follo	owing section(s) of the IEP:		and Hard of Hearing			
Accommodations/Modifications Goals/Objectives	Services Deliver	•	Students			
☐ Screen readers or other assistive technology are r	needed and will be addressed in the following section	(s) of the IEP:				
Accommodations/Modifications	Services Deliver	y Grid				
Goals/Objectives	Additional Inforn	nation				
\square Orientation and mobility services are needed and	will be addressed in the following section(s) of the IE	P:				
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STUDENT PROFILE	Can we now identife more than one disability - Looking			
The student is identified as havi ☐ Autism ☐ Communication Impairment	at the student as a whole			
☐ Developmental Delay (ages 3 ☐ Emotional Impairment	3–9)	 □ Neurological Impairment □ Physical Impairment 	☐ Vision ☐ Deaf-Blind ☐ Specific Learning Disability	
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STUDENT PROFILE Refer to	IEP Team Decision re: Disability C	ategories	Can we now identify more than one			
The student is identified as having the following Autism Communication Impairment Developmental Delay (ages 3–9) Emotional Impairment	ng disability or disabilities. Include all that apply. Health Impairment Intellectual Impairment Neurological Impairment Physical Impairment	☐ Sensory Impairment ☐ Hearing ☐ Vision ☐ Deaf-Blind ☐ Specific Learning Disability	disability - Looking at the student as a whole			
English Learner Has the student been identified as an English learner? □ Yes □ No						
If yes, describe the student's English Learner Education program, English as a Second Language services, and progress toward English language proficiency benchmarks: This applies to students who have been identified by their district as having language fluency in a spoken/written language other than English						
Identify any language needs and consider how	they relate to the student's IEP:					
ASL and English Bilingua	Il Education Program					

Decision re: Disability Ca	tegories	Can we now identify more than one disability - Looking					
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ASL and English Bilingual Education Program Assistive Technology							
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IEP Pages 7-9 Post-Secondary Planning (Transition) In the interest of time we will not cover this today - If there is interest, we will provide another training by our **Transition Team**

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Accommodations: List the accommodations the student needs to make progress in the areas of academic achievement and functional performance. Leave blank any boxes that are not appropriate for the student.

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Extracurricular activities					
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Community/workplace					

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recess, etc.)					type and the
Extracurricular activities					specific setting to
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Community/workplace	_				which they apply

Modifications: List the modifications, if any, that are needed to the student's program so they can meet their goals, make progress, and participate in activities alongside students with and without disabilities. Leave blank any boxes that are not appropriate for the student.

	Content	Instruction	Student Output
Classroom modifications			
Nonacademic settings (lunch,			
recess, etc.)			
Extracurricular activities			
Community/workplace			
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How does the student participate in state and/or districtwide assessments? The student participates in on-demand assessment with no accommodations under routine conditions in all content areas. The student participates in on-demand assessment with accommodations. Please indicate which testing accommodations the student requires:				
English Language Arts	Math	Science	Other	
\square The student participates in state	and/or districtwide alternate assessment(s).		
Please select the subject(s) below i the alternate assessment you have	n which the student needs alternate assessr chosen is appropriate for them.	ment(s). Please explain why the stud	ent needs alternate assessment(s), ar	nd why
☐ English Language Arts	☐ Math	☐ Science	☐ Alternate Access for ELL	s
Explanation:	Explanation:	Explanation:	Explanation:	

MEASURABLE ANNUAL GOALS

Please identify the academic and functional goals for this student this year. The goals must be measurable and meet the student's needs that result from their disability to enable them to be involved in and make progress in Early Childhood Outcomes (ages 3–5) or the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks (older students). The goals must meet each of the student's other educational needs that result from their disability. Please include additional goals as necessary.

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Goal Area:											
Number:				l,							
Baseline (What can the student currently do?):											
Annual Goal/Target	Criteria	Method	Schedule	Person(s) Responsible							
What skill(s) will the student be expected to a		How will progress be	How frequently will	Who will monitor							
by the end of this IEP's timeframe?	be used to determine	measured?	progress be	progress?							
by the end of this iter's differenties		measureu:	, -	progress:							
	whether the goal has		measured?								
	been achieved?										
Short-term objectives and/or benchmarks (intermediate steps between the baseline and the measurable annual goal)											

The baseline is specific to the goal - the annual goal, criteria, method of measurement, schedule of progress monitoring and individual responsible for monitoring are all identified separately

SCHEDULE OF PROGRESS REPORTING

+‡+	Explain how and when parent(s) will be periodically informed of the student's progress toward meeting the annual goal(s):											

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☐ Yes	□ No			the use of supplementary aids and se							
	n explanation of the extent to ensidered before determining t			education. Include a description of th al education class or activity.	e specific supp	lementary aids					
	ly designed instruction, related ports and support/training for		-	research to the extent practicable (in- viding services in general education s							
Goal Number(s)	Type of Service	Provided by List job title	Location	Frequency/Duration × minutes per day cycle	Start Date	End Date					
		A. Consultation (Indirect	Services to School Per	sonnel and Parents)							
	B. Special Education and Related Services in General Education Classrooms (Direct Service)										
	C.	Special Education and Rela	ated Services in Other	Settings (Direct Service)							

The service delivery is essential the same

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Transportation will be provided in the same manner as it would be for students without disabilities. (Please note that if the student is placed in a program located at a school other than the school the student would have attended if not eligible for special education, then transportation will be provided.)
The student requires transportation supports and/or services as a related service.
Student will be transported on a regular transportation vehicle with the following assistance, attendants, modifications, and/or specialized equipment and precautions:
Specify the disability-related need(s) that require support(s) during transportation (e.g., seizures, a tendency for motion sickness, behavioral or communication difficulties):
Student will be transported on a special transportation vehicle with the following assistance, attendants, modifications, and/or specialized equipment and precautions:
Specify the disability-related need(s) that require support(s) during transportation (e.g., seizures, a tendency for motion sickness, behavioral or communication difficulties):

The IEP team can address your specific transportation requests or concerns at this point

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SCHEDULE MODIFICATION
Does the student require a different duration to their school program, including the length of their day or year so that they can receive a free appropriate public education?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what are the student's disability-related needs that require a different schedule?
(example) Marie Philip School at TLC is a 11-month approved DESE program that
runs from September to July annually on a 8:00a-2:30p schedule. If yes, describe the change in schedule to the student's educational program.
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If the student requires Extended School Year Services, please include the services they will receive (including, if applicable, positive behavioral supports and support/training for school personnel and/or parent[s]) during Extended School Year in the service delivery grid below.

Some districts will request or require this documentation for the month of July.

SERVICE DELIVERY FOR EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES

communication difficulties):

Describe the specially designed instruction, related services, and supports that the student needs during extended school year to receive a free appropriate public education.

Goal Number(s)	Type of Service	Provided by	Location	Frequency/Duration × minutes per day cycle	Start Date	End Date						
rumber(s)		List job title	t Sarvices to School Ber									
	A. Consultation (Indirect Services to School Personnel and Parents)											
	B. Special Education and Related Services in General Education Classrooms (Direct Service)											
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Extended School Year Transportation Services												
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Record other IEP information not previously stated (e.g., information about the student that is important to know but is not addressed through IEP goals and services). RESPONSE SECTION School Assurance: I certify that the goals in this IEP are those recommended by the Team and that the indicated special education services will be provided. Name and role of LEA Signature: Date: representative: Response from parent(s) or student who has reached the age of majority with decision-making rights: It is important to tell the district your decision as soon as possible. Please indicate your response by checking the appropriate box below and returning a signed copy to the district. I accept this IEP as developed. I reject the following portions of the IEP with the understanding that any portion(s) that I do not reject will be considered accepted and implemented immediately. Rejected portions are as follows: I reject this IEP as developed.

* Student signature is required once a student reaches 18 unless there is a court-appointed guardian.							
Meeting Request							
☐ I request a meeting to discuss the rejected IEP or rejected portion(s).							

Parent Comment: I would like to make the following comment(s) but realize any comment(s) made that suggest changes to the proposed IEP will

Date:

not be implemented unless the IEP is amended.

Signature of Parent(s), Guardian, Educational Surrogate Parent, or Student 18 and Over**



