

Agenda Items

- **For IRS:** What . . . if we opened an IEP file on the student but the only [CSE] outcome is recommendation for GED (no services given).

VESID Response: An IEP must contain the recommended special education programs and services. The IEP is not in compliance if it just has a recommendation for GED with no special education services. This situation should be referred to VESID, Special Education Quality Assurance Office for resolution.

- **For IRS:** Districts have had the option to add prior year assessments to a student who took an assessment at a different school, in other words, who were not enrolled in the district or location at the time of the test. For example, a student may attend a private school that does not report to SIRS. There the student takes a Regents exam. Then the student transfers to a public school--SIRS has no record of the Regents exam, so the current public school adds in the assessment to Level 0, even though the student took in a different location.

Another situation--a student transfers from one public school to another. Although the current public school has a record from the student's transcript that they took a Regents exam, the other public school neglected to report this to SIRS. Thus, the current public school needs to report this student so that they can show that the student took all Regents necessary to graduate.

What is the process for entering these historical assessments that were taken at a different location so they are reflected in SIRS and nySTART?

- **Response:** For students that have a current year enrollment record, the assessment fact record is reported using the current school year in the school year field, and the assessment period date from the actual date of assessment administration as the test date.
- **For IRS:** On the accountability timeline recently distributed the first entry shows July 1 as the "Student Management System (SMS) Grade Advancement/Rollover" date. Is July 1 a suggested date, or a firm deadline? Many districts roll over some time in July, but I am not sure that the SMS rollover is critical to the accountability data extracts. Can you clarify why that entry is there?
- **Response:** This information came from a documented circulated amongst the regional District Superintendents and was shared with the Level 1's via the listserv. There is no SED requirement for a rollover date in a district's student management system.
- **For IRS:** Please ask for an update of the Reading First Kdg collection requirement at our Thursday's call. There is a lot of confusion in the field that needs some clarification.
- **Response:** It was determined that Reading First K-3 should be reported through SIRS. The Reading First Office is going to reach out to their RF contacts in the field and let them know that K should be reported.