

Our Purpose

To examine Arizona Special Education State Board 401 rules, to propose rules that are clear, instructive, and aligned to the IDEA, and to provide guidance for implementation.

Core Team

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Our Group Norms

- We engage in active listening
- We seek to understand
- We strive for a collective impact
- We honor the communication plan
- We support working for the greater good
- Our communication is timely and accurate
- We use rubrics to evaluate our work
- We need to learn and “unlearn”
- Reflection is critical to our success

Consensus--A two tiered approach:

The Core Team will work toward unanimous consensus on every issue. If not an unanimous consensus the group will use a supermajority vote (11/13).

Rule Committee – Core Team

July 18, 2014 Communiqué

Core Team Attendees: Sarah Gamble, Beth Conran, Kim Peaslee, Craig Carter, Mollie Casson, Christopher Tiffany, Lorraine McPherson, Jan Cawthorne, Kristina Blackledge, Heidi Sinkovic

ADE Support Staff: Angela Denning, William McQueary, Maura Mall, Cindy Bolewski, Lisa Aaroe, Melissa DeVries

AG's Office: Jin Ju Park

Meeting Location: ADE on Osborn

Link to provide feedback: AZBoardRuleCommitteeInBox@azed.gov

**You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things,
so that all the small things go in the right direction.**

GOALS for Today: *Complete the draft of Evaluation section and prepare for the large group meeting to gather input. Begin work on IEP revision.*

What we did:

- We reviewed and compared the responses from John Copenhaver with the work that has been done on the Initial Evaluation to assure there were no compliance issues with the draft Evaluation rule.
- We determined that additional data needs to be gathered for review especially in the areas of SLI and SLD eligibility. The AG's office will gather information across the country re: SLD determinations and bring it to the next meeting.
- We reviewed feedback from the field via the ESS Inbox.

What we learned.

- We learned that after reviewing IDEA and other states' rules regarding the definition of “days” in the context of timelines, Arizona does not have flexibility with redefining the 60 day timeline for evaluations since A.R.S. 15 clearly states a 60 calendar day timeline for evaluations that cannot be changed by rule.

What we accomplished.

- We finalized the Initial and Reevaluation section draft to be presented to the large group.
- We established the questions to be sent to the field for feedback to bring to the large group meeting.
- We set the agenda for the large group meeting to gain feedback on the Evaluation sections and gather information to be considered when drafting the next two sections: Eligibility Categories and the IEP and how their feedback resulted in changes to the Child Find section.
- We identified specific groups in addition to the Key Advisors and Key Participants to be invited to the large group meeting on August 18th from 10:00-12:00 – location to be determined.
- We set the agenda for the next meeting, August 18, 2014 to begin work on the Eligibility and IEP sections.
- Future meeting times will be 8:00-2:00 pm and the dates are August 18, September 12, October 3, October 20, November 14, Tuesday December 2 and December 15.

Notes:

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Next Steps:

- Review the research on SLD eligibility brought to the committee.
- **Key Participant & Key Advisor Meeting: August 18th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Central Conference Rooms 100 & 101. RSVP to Maria Durazo at maria.durazo@azed.gov**
 - **Agenda Items:**
 - **Share revisions to Child Find;**
 - **Gather feedback on revisions to Evaluation;**
 - **Gather input on Eligibility and IEP sections.**
- Various committee members will contact special groups to invite to the August 18th meeting.
- We need to have the following information available at the next meeting: OSEP document on FBAs
- Complete a draft of additional components for evaluation e.g. FBA, IEE
- Review Feedback/Anecdotes from the Field.

We Want to Hear from You!

Please send your comments to AZBoardRuleCommitteeInBox@azed.gov . We look forward to hearing from the community at large, Key Advisors and Extended Partners on our work to date and future agenda items. These documents along with key documents are posted on the Director's Corner at:

<http://www.azed.gov/special-education/category/directors-corner/>.