



## State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) Report

Prepared for OAPSA September 18, 2020 Business Meeting

Each state in the Union has an Advisory Council. SAPEC was established in accordance with 34 C.F.R. Part 300.167-300.169 in order to advise and assist the Ohio Department of Education on special education and related services for children with disabilities. The panel members represent various agencies, individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. As a panel, our job is to help to connect the dots and identify unmet needs connected to students with disabilities. SAPEC meetings are typically held 4 times annually (August, November, March, and May) with 2 additional tentative conference call/webinar dates. We are an “advisory panel” – not an advocacy panel. There is a process in place for raising emerging issues of advising on unmet needs. I am the representative for OAPSA and Talia St. Clair is my designated substitute.

SAPEC’s schedule was not typical during this pandemic but we did meet virtually on May 7, 2020 and I represented OAPSA in that meeting. We had brief reports on the following:

- Fiscal Year IDEA Part B State Award
- Rules Revision Update
- Dispute Resolution
- Summary of Mediation, Facilitation, Formal State Complaints and Due Process
- Supports and Monitoring Update
- Monitoring Process During Building Closures
- Online Monitoring Reviews
- Record Review Data
- Urban Team Update
- Annual Performance Report
- APR Compliance Indicators

- Compliance Indicators:
  - 4b = 1.08% (Discipline Disproportionality)
  - 9 = .23% (Identification Disproportionality)
  - 10 = .95% (Identification Disproportionality by Disability)
  - 11 = 99.3% (Initial Evaluations)
  - 12 = 91.45% (Early Childhood Transition)
  - 13 = 99.94% (Secondary Transition)
- APR Results Indicators
  - Indicators with Progress: Dropout, Statewide Assessment, Discipline Discrepancies, School age LRE, Preschool LRE, Mediation Agreements
  - Indicators with Slippage: Graduation, Post School Outcomes, Resolution Sessions

Next SAPEC Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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