

COMPLIANCE

CHILD FIND - 90 DAY TIMELINES

INDICATOR
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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES



Technical assistance for LEAs can be requested to access direct consultation and professional development for the performance and compliance indicators.



Guidance and resources are available to support **effective IEP development**.



Facilitated IEP meetings are offered by the NJDOE as a form of conflict resolution in order to promote productive, student centered IEP meetings.



In partnership with the Department of Health, access the **Child Find/Public Awareness** including the NJParentLink resource.

EXTERNAL RESOURCE



Tools for Improving Child Find (ECTA)
• including the [2022 Child Find Best Practices List](#) (USOSEP)

FOCUS QUESTION

Do students referred for an initial evaluation have their evaluations completed within 90 calendar days?

DEFINITION

This Compliance Indicator focuses on the percent of children the local educational agency (LEA) evaluated within the State-established timeline of 90 days from the date of parent consent for initial evaluation.

As part of the NJSMART Special Education submission for LEAs, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) collects the date of consent to evaluate and the date of the eligibility determination for each child. When an LEA has not completed the evaluation and eligibility determination within the State-established timeline, the LEA must specify the reason for the delay.

New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) allows the following reasons for a delay not to be counted against the LEA in determining whether evaluations were made on time:

- Delays due to parent cancellations, or the parent not making the child available for evaluation (N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4(e)1).
- Delays due to the initiation of mediation or a due process hearing (N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.6(d)10 and N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.7(u)).

The NJDOE measures this indicator as the number of children the LEA evaluated within the State-established timeline divided by the total number of children for whom the LEA received parental consent for initial evaluation. The result is multiplied by 100 to get a percent. Children whose initial evaluation was delayed due to the reasons bulleted above are excluded from the calculation.

DATA SOURCE

NJSMART

CALCULATION



of students evaluated within the State-established timeline of 90 days from the date of parental consent



Total # of students for whom parental consent for an initial evaluation was received

x 100

