ECATS Special Education Data Collection & IEP Process

To ensure all North Carolina students are college, career and community ready, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) has committed to a strategic plan designed to boost student success across the state with the implementation of ECATS, the Exceptional Children Accountability Tracking System with three integrated web-based systems: Special Education, Medicaid documentation and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

LEA system features will include:

Process Based and User-friendly Completion
- New State IEP Forms
- Progress Monitoring
- Compliance & Record Review
- Dispute Resolution

Virtual Record Keeping with Paperless Storage
- Access Student History of Documents and Events
- Transfer Documentation between LEAs

Data & Reporting
- At-a-Glance Compliance Information
- Search Students by Status, Services and More
- Robust Reporting Functionality
- Historical Data Migration
- Required Federal & State Reporting
- Behavior Support
- Special Funding

Comprehensive Support
- Manuals and Guides
- Training
- How-to Videos
- Implementation Webinars
- Integrated Support

Implementation Steps

- Requirements Gathering & Planning Phase
- Tool Development & Testing Phase
- LEA Pilot Phase
- Pilot Feedback & Rework Phase
- Statewide LEA Training & Roll Out

Dates are still being determined and will be communicated as early as possible.

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