Monday Message

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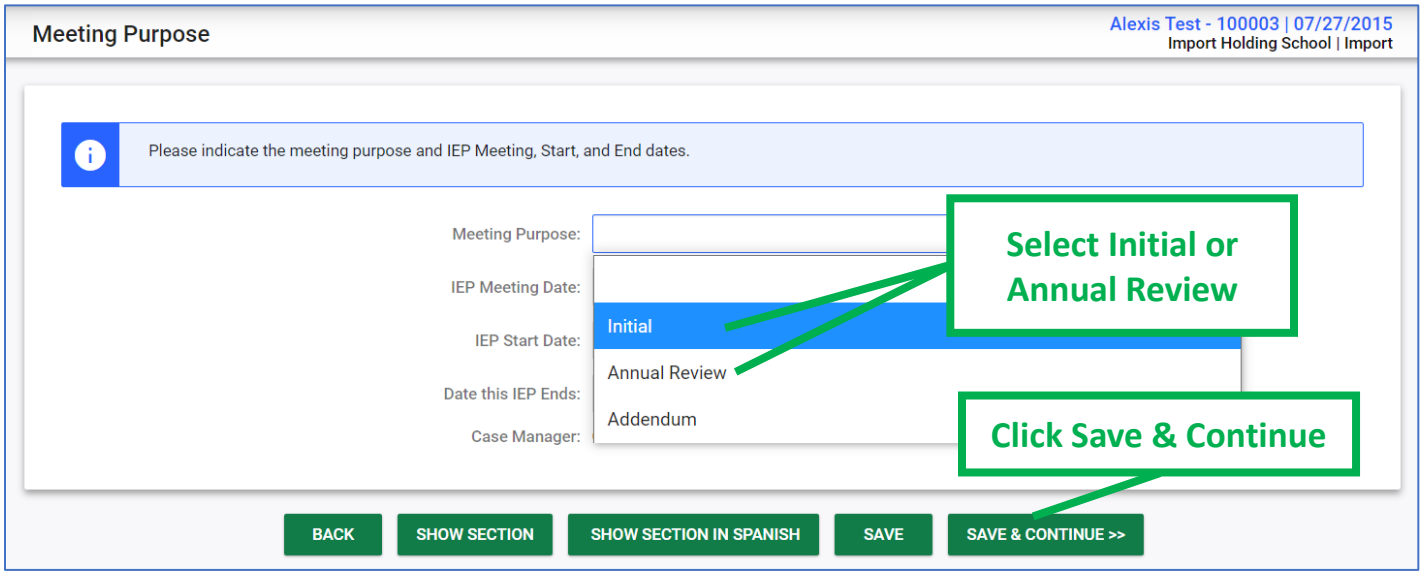
Special Education Module

Planned Update to Clear the IEP Workspace in ECATS

Beginning July 1, 2021, the IEP Process workspace will clear when the user selects 'Initial' or 'Annual Review' for Meeting Purpose. Clearing the IEP workspace ensures that the user develops the new IEP with current and relevant information, rather than manually deleting information that is no longer appropriate. This is consistent with the requirement to review and revise the IEP at least once annually with present levels of academic achievement and functional performance. After selecting the Meeting Purpose, Initial or Annual Review, and clicking Save and Continue, the Meeting Purpose section of the IEP will display an alert that the meeting purpose selected will clear the IEP Workspace.

Clearing the IEP workspace occurs when:

1. User opens the IEP process under the student's EC Process menu.
2. User clicks to open the Meeting Purpose page.
3. User selects 'Initial' or 'Annual Review' for the Meeting Purpose dropdown.
4. User completes remaining required information and clicks 'Save & Continue'.
5. Any information on the rest of the pages for the IEP clears out (except the Services page).



Reminders:

- Users should carefully review and update information on the Services page for an Annual Review. While the services section as documented from the last finalized IEP currently does not clear after selecting Annual Review as the Meeting Purpose, the EC Division has initiated a request that this occur in the future. This change will be communicated prior to implementation.
- Information from previous finalized IEP documents will remain as historical data in ECATS, accessible via the Advanced Reporting platform and Student History page.
- Any assessment data, existing or new, that has been entered into the Assessment Summary remains a part of the student's ECATS record and will not clear when the meeting purpose is selected. If the information is current and relevant to the IEP being drafted, the user will need to add the relevant assessments on the Source of Relevant Info page of the new Annual Review IEP.

2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 7

All Public-School Units are responsible for certifying Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes in ECATS. The Indicator 7 count captures the percent of preschool students with IEPs who demonstrate improved childhood outcomes and is based on data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Indicator 7 Count opens August 2, 2021 and is due by close of business August 20, 2021. The training video, ECATS Webinar – Indicator 7 Reporting, along with additional reference handouts are posted in each district's ECATS instance on the main page under Resources > Federal Reporting. Please submit any questions or issues directly to ZenDesk to ensure that problems with data are corrected efficiently.

2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 12

Indicator 12 captures data on students who received Part C services and were referred to Part B during the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 fiscal year. All students must have an IEP developed within 90 days of the referral and receive services by their 3rd birthday. Indicator 12 will be submitted on spreadsheets by all PSUs and can be accessed by clicking this link: Indicator 12 Spreadsheet or by going to the ECATS site under Resources (https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/ecats/resources). The spreadsheet has a tab with helpful clarifications to assist PSUs on entering their data and can be submitted at any time prior to the due date of October 29, 2021. Charter Schools do not need to submit an Indicator 12 spreadsheet this year. Please email all Indicator 12 spreadsheets to ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov.

Federal Reporting Office Hours

As a reminder, the Federal Reporting Office Hours has changed locations. Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware is now holding these meetings in her WebEx account. The office hours are open from at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions. To join in and ask any questions about upcoming federal reporting, please use the following link: https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/khalilah.ofarrow.

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