

Program Improvement Updates

Annual IDEA Determinations – Issued November 1

As part of OSPI's ongoing efforts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities, notifications of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Annual Determination levels for the 2022–23 school year were issued on November 1, 2023, to each school district, charter school, and Educational Service Agency (ESA) in the state. These notifications were sent via email to the LEA's superintendent, special education administrator, business manager, and regional Educational Service District (ESD) special education administrator.

The notifications summarized the LEA's performance on implementation of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) under specific criteria for the time period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2023 (school year 2022–23). IDEA details four categories for both the state and LEA determinations. The level of determination may be:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of IDEA;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of IDEA;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of IDEA; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of IDEA.

IDEA identifies specific technical assistance and/or enforcement actions that the State must take under specific circumstances for LEAs that are not determined to meet requirements.

LEAs have until November 30, 2023, to request a reconsideration if the LEA believes that its 2022–23 determination level is incorrect due to OSPI error. In December, the determinations will be considered final and will be posted to [OSPI's website](#).

The November 1, 2023, determination notifications also included important information about upcoming changes to the determination calculation process. Beginning with the 2023–24 determinations to be issued in the fall of 2024, the process of calculating determination levels under Criteria 3 (timely and accurate data reporting) will include the **Excess Cost Report**, which is due annually at the end of February. This means that the timeliness of the Excess Cost Report that is due February 29, 2024, will affect the LEA's next determination level.

If you have any questions about the LEA determination process, contact WISM@k12.wa.us.



Washington Integrated System of Monitoring (WISM) Office Hours

We have expanded our bi-weekly office hours (previously reserved for questions about the correction of non-compliance) to include all things WISM. Please join us if you have questions or would like to talk about any of the following:

- Correction of non-compliance (formerly known as iGrants Form Package 442)
- Disproportionality and significant disproportionality
- WISM systems analysis reviews (including onsite visits, desk reviews, and self-assessments)
- Annual determinations

WISM Office Hours will be held every other Thursday, 3–4 pm. Please [use this link to register](#), and it will give you the option of saving to your calendar so that you can join any of the sessions as needed. If you have questions, please contact [Jennifer Story](#), Program Improvement Coordinator.