

Massachusetts Part B FFY 2012 SPP/APR Response Table

Part B SPP/APR Indicators

1. Percent of youth with IEPs graduating from high school with a regular diploma. [Results Indicator]
2. Percent of youth with IEPs dropping out of high school. [Results Indicator]
3. Statewide assessments: A. Percent of the districts with a disability subgroup that meets the State’s minimum “n” size that meet the State’s AYP/AMO targets for the disability subgroup. [Results Indicator] B. Participation rate for children with IEPs on statewide assessments. [Results Indicator] C. Proficiency rate for children with IEPs against grade level, modified and alternate academic achievement standards. [Results Indicator]
4. Rates of suspension and expulsion A. Percent of districts that have a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; [Results Indicator] B. Percent of districts that have: (a) a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for children with IEPs; and (b) policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards. [Compliance Indicator]
5. Percent of children with IEPs aged 6 through 21 served: A. Inside the regular class 80% or more of the day; B. Inside the regular class less than 40% of the day; or C. In separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements. [Results Indicator]
6. Percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs attending a: A. Regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program; and B. Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility. [Results Indicator]
7. Percent of preschool children age 3 through 5 with IEPs who demonstrate improved: A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships); B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. [Results Indicator]
8. Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. [Results Indicator]
9. Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification. [Compliance Indicator]
10. Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification. [Compliance Indicator]

11. Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation or, if the State establishes a timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted, within that timeframe. [Compliance Indicator]
12. Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays. [Compliance Indicator]
13. Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are annually updated and based upon an age appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs. There also must be evidence that the student was invited to the IEP Team meeting where transition services are to be discussed and evidence that, if appropriate, a representative of any participating agency was invited to the IEP Team meeting with the prior consent of the parent or student who has reached the age of majority. [Compliance Indicator]
14. Percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and were: A. Enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school; B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed within one year of leaving high school. C. Enrolled in higher education or in some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school. [Results Indicator]
15. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]
18. Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements. [Results Indicator]
19. Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements. [Results Indicator]
20. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]

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Timely Resolution of State Complaints: Percent of signed written complaints with reports issued that were resolved within 60-day timeline or a timeline extended for exceptional circumstances with respect to a particular complaint, or because the parent (or individual or organization) and the public agency agree to extend the time to engage in mediation or other alternative means of dispute resolution, if available in the State.

Timely Adjudication of Due Process Hearing Requests: Percent of adjudicated due process hearing requests that were adjudicated within the timeline or a timeline that is properly extended by the hearing officer at the request of either party or in the case of an expedited hearing, within the required timelines.

Massachusetts Part B FFY 2012 SPP/APR Results Data Summary

INDICATOR	FFY 2011 DATA	FFY 2012 DATA	FFY 2012 TARGET
1. Graduation	65.6%	68.6%	≥ 77.5% ¹
2. Drop Out	4.6%	3.6%	≤ 4.3% ²
3. A. Percent of Districts Meeting AMO for Disability Subgroup	23%	17%	≥ 30.7%
B. Statewide Assessment Participation Rate – Reading	98.3%	98.3%	≥ 99%
B. Statewide Assessment Participation Rate – Math	98.4%	98.4%	≥ 99%
C. Statewide Proficiency Rate – English Language Arts	67.3 CPI	66.8 CPI	≥ 70.9 CPI
C. Statewide Proficiency Rate -- Math	56.9 CPI	57.4 CPI	≥ 57.7 CPI
4. A. Percent of Districts with Significant Discrepancy in Suspension/Expulsion	1.1%	0.7%	0%
5. Educational Environment for Children with IEPs 6-21			
A. In Regular Education 80% or More of Day	58.1%	59.2%	≥ 59.7%
B. In Regular Education Less than 40% of Day	15%	15.0%	≤ 14.5%
C. In Separate Schools, Residential Facilities, or Homebound/Hospitals	6.8%	6.9%	≤ 5.5%
6. Percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs attending:			
A. Regular early childhood program and receiving majority of special education and related services in regular early childhood program;	23.9%	38.9%	≥ 24%
B. Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.	14%	15.1%	≤ 13.9%
7. Preschool Outcomes	See Attached Table	See Attached Table	See Attached Table
8. Parents Reporting Schools Facilitated Parent Involvement	82.5%	79.7%	≥ 85%
14. Percent of Youth No Longer in School, within One Year of Leaving High School:			
A. Enrolled in Higher Education	41.0%	46.6%	≥ 45%
B. Enrolled in Higher Education or Competitively Employed	70.0%	81.3%	≥ 80%
C. Enrolled in Higher Education or Other Postsecondary Education or Training or Competitively Employed or in Some Other Employment	86.9%	93%	≥ 87%
18. Hearing Requests Resolved through Resolution Session Agreements	45.8%	47.8%	≥ 48-58%
19. Mediations Held that Resulted in Mediation Agreements	85.5%	86.3%	≥ 77-87%

¹ As used in this table, the symbol “≥” means that, to meet the target, the State’s data must be greater than or equal to the established target.

² As used in this table, the symbol “≤” means that, to meet the target, the State’s data must be less than or equal to the established target.

7. Percent of Preschool Children Aged 3 through 5 with IEPs Who Demonstrate Improved Outcomes

Summary Statement 1³	FFY 2011 Data	FFY 2012 Data	FFY 2012 Target
Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships) (%)	83.1%	84.3%	≥ 92%
Outcome B: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication) (%)	83.3%	84.6%	≥ 92%
Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs (%)	85.3%	87.7%	≥ 92%
Summary Statement 2⁴	FFY 2011 Data	FFY 2012 Data	FFY 2012 Target
Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships) (%)	54.4%	47.5%	≥ 88%
Outcome B: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication) (%)	54.9%	49.5%	≥ 88%
Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs (%)	66.5%	59.9%	≥ 88%

³ **Summary Statement 1:** Of those preschool children who entered or exited the preschool program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

⁴ **Summary Statement 2:** The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in each Outcome by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

Massachusetts FFY 2012 Results Data Summary Notes

INDICATOR 3A: The State is reporting Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) data used for accountability reporting under Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as a result of ESEA flexibility.

INDICATOR 3B: The State provided a Web link to 2012 publicly-reported assessment results.

INDICATOR 3C: The State provided a Web link to 2012 publicly-reported assessment results.

INDICATOR 4A: The State reported its definition of “significant discrepancy.”

The State reported that three districts were identified as having a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than ten days in a school year for children with IEPs.

The State reported that 13 of 386 districts did not meet the State-established minimum “n” size requirement of 30 students with disabilities.

The State reported that it reviewed the two out of three districts’ policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA, as required by 34 CFR §300.170(b) for the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2012. The State did not identify noncompliance through this review.

The State did not report on the result of the review it conducted in one out of the three districts pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b), i.e., the State did not report whether it revised (or required the affected districts to revise), the district’s policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA for the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2012. OSEP’s FFY 2011 SPP/APR Response Table required the State to include in the FFY 2012 APR, the correction of noncompliance that the State identified in FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 as a result of the review it conducted pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b). For the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 whose policies, procedures and practices were reviewed, consistent with 34 CFR §300.170(b), the State reported on whether there were changes to the policies, procedures, and practices since the last review; if so, whether those changes comply with requirements regarding the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, to ensure compliance with the IDEA, pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b); and whether practices in this area continue to comply with applicable requirements.

The State reported that it reviewed the districts’ policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA, as required by 34 CFR §300.170(b) for the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2010 and FFY 2011. The State did not identify noncompliance through this review.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

The failure to conduct the review required in 34 CFR §300.170(b) is noncompliance. In the FFY 2013 APR, the State must report correction of this noncompliance by describing the review, and if appropriate, revision of policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure that these policies, procedures, and practices comply with the IDEA, for districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2012 [and/or FFY 2011, FFY 2010, FFY 2009, FFY 2008, FFY 2007, FFY 2006 and/or FFY 2005], as required in 34 CFR §300.170(b).

In the FFY 2013 APR, the State must report whether, as a result of the review, the State revised, or required the one remaining affected district to revise policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA for the one remaining district identified with noncompliance in FFY 2012.

INDICATOR 7:

REQUIRED ACTIONS

The State must report progress data and actual target data for FFY 2013 in the FFY 2013 APR.

Massachusetts Part B FFY 2012 SPP/APR Compliance Summary

INDICATOR	FFY 2011 DATA	FFY 2012 DATA	FFY 2012 TARGET	CORRECTION OF FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE IDENTIFIED IN FFY 2011
4B. Significant disproportionality in suspension/expulsion by race/ethnicity, and policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with specified requirements.	0.3%	0.3%	0%	The State reported that the one finding of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 was corrected in a timely manner.
9. Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification.	0%	0%	0%	The State reported that it did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2011.
10. Disproportionate representation by disability of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification.	0%	0%	0%	The State reported that it did not identify any findings of noncompliance in FFY 2011.
11. Timely Initial Evaluation	93.7%	97.3%	100%	The State reported that the five findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 were corrected in a timely manner.
12. Early Childhood Transition	93.7%	100%	100%	The State reported that the one finding of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 was corrected in a timely manner.
13. Secondary Transition	99.2%	100%	100%	The State reported that the one finding of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 was corrected in a timely manner.
15. Timely Correction	99.82%	99.2%	100%	The State reported that 709 of 715 findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 were corrected in a timely manner, and five of six remaining findings were corrected by February 2014. The State reported on the actions the State took to address the uncorrected noncompliance.
20. Timely and Accurate Data	97.7%	100%	100%	

Massachusetts Part B FFY 2012 State Complaint and Hearing Data from IDEA Section 618 Data Reports

REQUIREMENT	FFY 2011 DATA	FFY 2012 DATA
Timely resolution of complaints	99%	100%
Timely adjudication of due process hearing requests	94.7%	94.4%

Massachusetts FFY 2012 Compliance Data Summary Notes

INDICATOR 4B: The State reported its definition of “significant discrepancy.”

The State reported that three districts were identified as having a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than ten days in a school year for children with IEPs. The State reported that it reviewed the districts’ policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA, as required by 34 CFR §300.170(b) for the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2011.

The State also reported that one district was identified as having policies, procedures or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards. The State reported that the one remaining district with identified noncompliance in FFY 2011-2012 was corrected in FFY 2013.

The State reported that ten of 383 districts did not meet the State-established minimum “n” size requirement of ten students with disabilities in any race/ethnicity category.

The State reported that it revised (or required the affected district to revise), the districts’ policies, procedures, and practices relating to the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance with the IDEA, pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b) for the district identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2012.

For the districts identified with significant discrepancies in FFY 2011 whose policies, procedures, and practices were reviewed, consistent with 34 CFR §300.170(b), the State reported on whether there were changes to the policies, procedures, and practices since the last review; if so, whether those changes comply with requirements regarding the development and implementation of IEPs, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and procedural safeguards, to ensure compliance with the IDEA, pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b); and whether practices in this area continue to comply with applicable requirements.

The State reported that noncompliance initially identified in FFY 2011 through the review of policies, procedures, and practices, pursuant to 34 CFR §300.170(b), was corrected.

INDICATOR 9: The State reported that no districts were identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services.

The State provided its definition of “disproportionate representation.”

The State reported that one of 400 districts did not meet the State-established minimum “n” size requirement of ten for each race/ethnic group in every district and were excluded from the calculation.

INDICATOR 10: The State reported that seven districts were identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories. The State also reported that no districts were identified with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that was the result of inappropriate identification.

The State provided its definition of “disproportionate representation.”

The State reported that 16 of 400 districts did not meet the State-established minimum “n” size requirement of 10 students with disabilities in each racial/ethnic disability group in every district and were excluded from the calculation.

INDICATOR 11: OSEP’s FFY 2011 SPP/APR Response Table required the State to include in the FFY 2012 APR the correction of findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 based on FFY 2010 data. The State reported that five findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2010 were corrected.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

Because the State reported less than 100% compliance for FFY 2012, the State must report on the status of correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2012 for this indicator. When reporting on the correction of noncompliance, the State must report, in its FFY 2013 APR, that it has verified that each LEA with noncompliance identified in FFY 2012 for this indicator: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA, consistent with OSEP Memo 09-02.⁵ In the FFY 2013 APR, the State must describe the specific actions that were taken to verify the correction.

INDICATOR 12: The State reported that the one remaining uncorrected finding of noncompliance identified in FFY 2009 was corrected.

INDICATOR 13: The State reported that the two remaining uncorrected findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 based on FFY 2010 data were corrected.

INDICATOR 15: The State reported that the five remaining uncorrected findings of noncompliance identified in FFY 2011 based on FFY 2010 data were corrected.

REQUIRIED ACTIONS

In responding to Indicators 4 A, and 11 in the FFY 2012 SPP/APR the State must report on correction of the noncompliance described in this table under those indicators.

⁵ OSEP Memorandum 09-02 (OSEP Memo 09-02), dated October 17, 2008, requires that the State report that it verified that each LEA with noncompliance: (1) is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., achieved 100% compliance) based on a review of updated data such as data subsequently collected through on-site monitoring or a State data system; and (2) has corrected each individual case of noncompliance, unless the child is no longer within the jurisdiction of the LEA.