

OSERS PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: CREATE A CULTURE OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT—*NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB)* IS WORKING

- 1.1** Implement the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* Part B final regulations
- 1.2** Complete Part C; Implement Part D and National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) final regulations
- 1.3** Increase proficiency of students on *NCLB* performance indicators
- 1.4** Improve long-term performance of discretionary programs and grantees

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PRIORITY 2: ADVANCE THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

- 2.1 Raise the quality and relevance of OSERS research
- 2.2 Improve alignment of discretionary grant investments with monitoring findings
- 2.3 Collaborate with the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), focusing on dissemination of research findings
- 2.4 Complete development and distribution of *Tool Kit on Teaching and Assessing Students With Disabilities*

**PRIORITY 3: ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT
OR BOTH**

- 3.1 Improve employment outcomes for people with significant disabilities
- 3.2 Provide effective transition-age programs for postsecondary education outcomes
- 3.3 Provide effective transition-age programs for employment outcomes
- 3.4 Promote interagency collaboration, partnering with employers and effective independent living programs

PRIORITY 4: EXPAND ACCESS TO AND UTILIZATION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT)

- 4.1** Expand and coordinate a nationwide reuse network for Assistive Technology (AT) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- 4.2** Encourage consideration of Assistive Technology (AT), where appropriate, in Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Individualized Plans for Employment (IPEs)
- 4.3** Increase Knowledge Translation (KT) programs
- 4.4** Promote “best uses” through Web sites and other means

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PRIORITY 5: IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OSERS PROGRAMS

- 5.1** Transform monitoring to be performance-based and focus on program improvements
- 5.2** Resolve deficiencies identified in the PART process
- 5.3** Effectively manage grants for performance reports, closeouts and timely liquidations
- 5.4** Align and focus resources on critical priorities

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PRIORITY 6: STRENGTHEN MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

- 6.1** Lead the restructured Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) into effective operational relationships with state agencies
- 6.2** Increase accountability of OSERS Office of Special Institutions
- 6.3** Advance communications and forge partnerships to achieve goals
- 6.4** Improve human capital outcomes