

URGENT: ALL PRINCIPALS/APS, ALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: Notification of Assessment Procedures for CST-R and IEPs

Category: Required Action

Audience: All Principals/APS, All Administrative Offices

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

In response to a recent Florida Department of Education (FDOE) missive, assessment procedures for Reevaluation Team (RT) [formerly known as Child Study Team-Reevaluation (CST-R)] and Individual Educational Plan (IEP) development have been modified.

- The FDOE directive states that parental consent is required if a student with disabilities is assessed utilizing an instrument that is generally not given to students without disabilities.
- Current procedures have teachers conducting individual, standardized assessment of students utilizing the:
 - Woodcock-Johnson III (WJ-III) Tests of Achievement
 - Wechsler Individual Achievement Test - Revised (WIAT-R), or
 - Kaufman Tests of Educational Achievement - 2nd Ed. (KTEA-II).
- These assessments are used in order to determine whether or not a student continues to be a student with disabilities and to assess academic levels in order to write present levels of educational performance.
- It is recommended that individualized, standardized, academic screening/assessment continue to be conducted to obtain information for RT and IEP development planning.
- Prior to administering an individualized, standardized, academic screening/assessment such as the WJ-III - Tests of Achievement, the WIAT-R or the KTEA-II, parental consent **must** be obtained.
- Use FM 6279, Notice of Intent and Parental/Guardian Consent to Conduct a Screening/Assessment, to obtain parental consent.
- If the consent form is not returned, RT and teachers are to use and analyze all available data (e.g., FCAT, DIBELS, Interim Assessments) to determine achievement levels and if the student continues to be a student with disabilities.
- If further assessment is required, a formal reevaluation may be requested by the school or the parent.

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