

**Revisions in Procedures and Guidance for
Ohio’s Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities
(Guidance Document)
October 2011**

Revisions appear in **blue font** in the following sections of the Guidance Document:

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Updated Chart

- **When to Provide Prior Written Notice, Informed Consent, and Procedural Safeguards** – chart and explanations revised.

New Charts

- **Residence and Custody of Children with Disabilities: Determining Financial Responsibility for Educating Children with Disabilities**
- **Ohio ETR Process**

Introduction – 1.3 LRE

Added a new section – **Defining “regular education class” and “general education curriculum.”**

Child Find – 3.2 Responsibilities in Locating Children with Disabilities

Referral procedural steps – Added clarification regarding the calculation of the 60-day timeline for an initial evaluation. “Leap year will affect the 60-day timeline calculation. It is important to count the actual days, especially if one of the 60 days is February 29.”

Procedural Safeguards – 5.1 Prior Written Notice

Prior Notice by School District – When to Provide Prior Written Notice, Informed Consent, and Procedural Safeguards (*Whose IDEA Is This?*) revised.

Procedural Safeguards – 5.4 Parental Consent for Services and Change of Placement

Added a new section – **Change of Placement.**

Revocation of Consent – Clarified that *Whose IDEA Is This?* does not need to be provided when a parent revokes consent.

Procedural Safeguards – 5.8 Independent Educational Evaluation

General, School district criteria, Parent right to evaluation at public expense, Parent initiated evaluations – Added clarification regarding several statements.

Evaluation – 6.3 Evaluation Team

Guidance – Added information regarding evaluation team members for an initial evaluation and for a reevaluation.

Evaluation – 6.5 Reevaluation

Parents and district agree that a reevaluation is unnecessary – Clarified use of Prior Written Notice – “ If the parents and the district agree that a reevaluation is unnecessary, this decision

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should be documented in writing. The district may, but is not required to, provide the Prior Written Notice PR-01 form.”

IEP – 7.1 General

General and children in other districts or agencies – Added information regarding a child who is open enrolled. Added statement regarding calculation of timelines for reevaluations. “Leap year does not affect the calculation of these dates. Leap year only affects the 60-day timeline between consent and the evaluation team report.

IEP – 7.4 Developing the IEP

Added new section – **Amending the IEP.**

Glossary

Added definition for “Regular education class.”