



Special Education Monitoring

Frequently Asked Questions

What is special education monitoring?

Special education monitoring is part of the Kansas State Department of Education's general supervision system to ensure that local education agencies (LEAs) implement special education requirements with fidelity. Monitoring helps identify noncompliance, support systemic improvement, and improve outcomes for students with exceptionalities.

What is the Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS)?

KIAS is Kansas's general supervision system that KSDE Special Education oversees and implements. It is an integrated, continuous process involving data collection, verification, corrective action, reporting, and incentives and sanctions.

How is special education monitoring changing?

KSDE has shifted from monitoring district-level compliance activities to monitoring LEAs as systems using risk-based data to guide support and intervention.

Why is SETS making these changes?

Federal special education law requires states to evaluate LEA capacity and systems, not just file-level compliance. KSDE is improving the effectiveness of monitoring and supports to focus on better outcomes for students.

What topics are included in special education monitoring and how often are LEAs monitored?

Topic	Frequency
State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Indicator 11: Child Find SPP/APR Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition	Annual monitoring of all LEAs
File Review SPP/APR Indicator 13: Secondary Transition	Annual risk analysis of all LEAs to select LEAs within a five-year cohort
SPP/APR Indicators 4A and 4B: Suspension/Expulsion	Annual data analysis of all LEAs
SPP/APR Indicator 9: Disproportionate Representation SPP/APR Indicator 10: Disproportionate Representation in Specific Disability Categories	Annual data analysis of all LEAs
Significant Disproportionality	Annual data analysis of all LEAs

Why is the LEA and student selection different for each monitoring area?

KSDE establishes LEA and student selection criteria based on the federal requirements for each monitoring area and KSDE review of LEA data.

What elements are consistent across each monitoring area?

1. Notification
2. Data Collection
3. Clarification
4. Compliance Determination
5. Corrective of Noncompliance, Including Updated Data

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