How Families Can Help Address Learning Loss for Students with Disabilities

Given the continued educational impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, COVID-19 Impact Services* will continue to be an option available through school year 2021-2022 when the student's multi-tiered system of supports or revised IEP/504 Plan is not sufficient to address the loss.



* COVID-19 Impact Services are temporary, individualized services provided beyond the school day to make up a significant learning loss resulting from the pandemic.



- Educational loss
- Skill loss
- Lack of expected progress
- New need/s

Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are vital partners to the IEP team. Make sure you engage with your team and participate in the IEP decision-making process.



If You Suspect Your Child Has Had Learning Loss

- 1. Contact your school immediately to schedule an IEP/504 Plan meeting.
- 2. Review data, discuss and determine if there has been learning loss.
- 3. If there has been learning loss, work with the team to determine how learning loss will be addressed: HMTSS and/or revise IEP or Section 504 plan, and/or COVID-19 Impact Services.
- 4. Discuss with your team whether additional assessments are needed to shed light on the cause of learning or skill loss.

To Determine Learning Loss, Consider the Following:



Student Participation

Has your child participated in their educational program and responded to activities and assignments by their teachers? Look at work samples and other evidence of learning.



Parent Report/Information

Do you have additional information (from other service providers, observations, etc.) to share about your child's learning and the services they are receiving.



How Progress is Measured

Were a variety of sources and methods used to determine your child's progress toward goals and objectives?



Progress Report/Grades

Has there been a drop in how your child is progressing towards IEP goals or in his or her grades?

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Current IEP/504 Plan

Review your child's IEP/504 Plan. Was your child able to access and engage in all outlined services & supports?

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