

Assistive Technology (AT) Evaluation Update Tier 3

SEDOL has revised its practices to align with guidance issued by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in January of 2024 enabling IEP teams to open a targeted domain for a stand alone assistive technology evaluation for students who are outside of their triennial evaluation cycle. This guidance can be found here.

Given that the needs of our students are dynamic and can change, our IEP teams need the flexibility to open a targeted domain and obtain consent from parents or guardians to specifically conduct a stand alone assistive technology evaluation when needed. In this way, students can receive the support they need when they need it.

A targeted domain to conduct a stand alone assistive technology evaluation that falls outside of the triennial evaluation will not "reset" the evaluation cycle. Furthermore, unless additional information needs to be collected in other domain areas, these areas that do not require data collection will be documented in Embrace as "no additional information needed at this time."

The practice of conducting record reviews in domains outside of those relevant to assistive technology will be discontinued provided that no additional information is needed in those areas.

The Local Educational Agency Representative (LEA) will communicate with the team to seek their input as to whether additional information needs to be collected in other domain areas prior to contacting the parent or guardian.

Procedures in Embrace can be found <u>here</u>.

LEA communication to IEP team members can be found <u>here</u>.

These revised procedures went into effect on April 1, 2024 at SEDOL. Member districts may elect to take a different approach when informed about a targeted or stand alone assistive technology evaluation and SEDOL will honor the approach(es) identified by our member districts.

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