

A background image showing a classroom of students. In the foreground, a young boy with light hair is wearing large black headphones and looking intently at a laptop screen. Behind him, other students are visible, some wearing blue shirts, working at their desks. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a modern classroom environment.

2021-2022 Special Education Operating Procedures Requirement

September 23, 2021

2020-2021 Review

- Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, LEAs were required to upload or link special education operating procedures and LEA local procedures to the Legal Framework website.
- Ensure all LEAs have policies, programs, and procedures that meet IDEA's Child Find and FAPE requirements

- Child Find
- Evaluation
- FAPE

2021-2022 Requirement

- LEAs are required to upload or link special education operating procedures in the same areas.
- No additional operating procedure areas are required in the 2021-2022.
- **Completed by October 29, 2021**

- Child Find
- Evaluation
- FAPE

- **Completed by October 29, 2021**
- LEAs may access and use the 2020-2021 the special education operating procedure templates the areas of Child Find, Evaluation, and FAPE for the 2021-2022 school year.
- LEAs are not required to use the templates provided in the Legal Framework.
- LEAs may use a local template or a purchased product.
- If LEAs opt not to use the templates in the Legal Framework, LEAs must ensure that the uploaded or linked operating procedures contain elements that are consistent with the available templates.

OPs the LEA Uploaded/Linked Last Year

- LEAs are expected to review their OPs in the areas of Child Find, Evaluation, and FAPE to verify the content of the OP in each area
 - ✓ remains accurate and is compliant with state and federal requirements for these areas, and
 - ✓ make needed revisions and ensure the most current version is uploaded/linked in the Legal Framework.
- If the LEA determines there are no updates needed, no further action is required at this time.

For additional information related to the required special education operating procedures for the 2021-2022 school year, please visit the [Recent TEA Guidance](#) page.

2022-2023 Operating Procedures

- Timeline for uploading or linking special education operating procedures will return to pre-COVID-19 pandemic requirement.
- Requirement completion will be in **August** not October.
- The due date for the **2022-2023** school year uploading or linking of special education operating procedures to the Legal Framework is on or before **August 31, 2022**.
- Additional operating procedures will be required for the 2022-2023 school year.
- LEAs will be provided information on additional operating procedures required including new templates, guidance, and training no later than **June 2022**.



**Thank you!
Questions?**