

EXITED STUDENTS/SPECIAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

There were multiple questions last year about students who were exited via PSIS Registration Module as a graduate, but were still receiving special education/related services. When SEDAC opened, districts reported that they were missing students in their SEDAC list. Upon investigation, it was determined that the student had been exited via PSIS as a graduate. The following guidance is for students who meet academic requirements for graduation.

GRADUATED WITH REGULAR, ADVANCED, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, OR OTHER TYPE OF DIPLOMA (15)

A student who has received a regular high school diploma upon completion of state and local requirements for both coursework and assessment or a high school diploma from a program other than the regular school program. *Upon receipt of a regular high school diploma, students are NO longer eligible to receive a FAPE and should not be reported in any state database.*

- **STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, BUT DOES NOT TAKE RECEIPT OF THE DIPLOMA.** In order to maintain eligibility for special education and related services, students who meet the academic requirements for graduation and participate in the graduation ceremony may NOT take receipt of the diploma (district holds diploma until official exit from district enrollment). These students may continue to be reported in PSIS/SEDAC and SEDAC-G (if eligible) until they take receipt of their diploma or until the end of the school year in which they turn twenty-one (21) years of age.

COMPLETED SCHOOL WITH OTHER CREDENTIALS (16)

A student who has received a certificate of completion or attendance, in lieu of a high school diploma. *Under IDEA Part B §300.102 (a)(3)(ii) and (iii) children with disabilities who have not graduated with a regular high school diploma still have an entitlement to FAPE. A student with disabilities may exit with a certificate of completion and be re-admitted to public school and maintain eligibility for receipt of special education and related services.*

REACHED MAXIMUM AGE (20)

A student who is exiting due to age. The student has not received a regular high school diploma upon completion of state and local requirements for both coursework and assessment, a high school diploma from a program other than the regular school program or a certificate of completion or attendance.