Model State Timeline

Updated 5/25/17

Please note that these timelines are suggestions that will prepare States for full compliance in SY 2018–2019. While States can make annual determinations of significant disproportionality anytime during SY 2018–2019, for purposes of this Model Timeline, we are assuming States make annual determinations between March 2019 and May 2019. States are not required to follow these timelines. Each State has its own unique circumstances, and these timelines are just a way to outline the different streams of work that States should consider as they implement the new rule.

| Tasks | Dates | Considerations | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Understanding the New Regulations | |  | |
| Review new regulations and guidance | Feb 2017 to April 2017 | Visit: https://www.osepideasthatwork.org/osep-meeting/significant-disproportionality | |
| Submit questions on the regulations to the Department | April 2017 to June 2017 | Submit to SignificantDisproportionalityRule@ed.gov | |
| Inform LEAs of relevant changes related to these new regulations | April 2017 to July 2017 | States should consider the amount of assistance LEAs may need to identify factors contributing to significant disproportionality, implement “new” comprehensive CEIS, track funds and students, and report data. | |
| Set State Definition of Significant Disproportionality | |  | |
| Review and analyze state significant disproportionality data to inform stakeholder discussions. | April 2017 to June 2017 | States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. | |
| Meet with stakeholders, including State Advisory Panels (SAPs), to develop risk ratio thresholds, minimum cell and n-sizes, standards for reasonable progress, if applicable and the rationales for each. In addition, determine the number of years of data to be used, if applicable. | June 2017 to October 2017 | States should consider how many stakeholder meetings they may need to convene, whether they may need to use video conferencing, and which relevant stakeholders, in addition to SAP members, they should seek advice from when setting these standards. | |
| State Revision of Policies and Procedures (PPs) | |  | |
| Review and draft revisions of State PP’s necessary to comply with the new regulations. | August 2017 to December 2017 | Obtain input from SAP’s and other stakeholders on these changes. | |
| If State PPs are amended to comply with the new regulations, conduct public hearings, provide adequate notice of the hearings, and afford an opportunity for comment from the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities | January 2018 to March 2018 |  | |
| Calculate Significant Disproportionality | |  | |
| Gather necessary data and develop and implement tool to calculate risk ratios. | July 2018 to November 2018 | May want to seek input from the OSEP IDEA Data Center. States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. | |
| Calculate risk ratios [or alternate risk ratios, if applicable] for LEAs | December 2018 to March 2019 | May want to seek input from the OSEP IDEA Data Center. States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. | |
| Make annual determinations of significant disproportionality using new methodology | March 2019 to May 2019 | May want to seek input from the OSEP IDEA Data Center. States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. | |
| Include 3 to 5 year olds in the identification analyses | July 1, 2020 | States have the option to include this population prior to July 1, 2020. | |
| Notify LEAs and Provide TA | |  | |
| Notify LEAs of a determination of significant disproportionality | March 2019 to May 2019 |  | |
| Provide for the review and, if appropriate, revision of policies, procedures, and practices | March 2019 to August 2019 | States may want to consider using the Success Gaps tool in this work: https://ideadata.org/resource-library/57ae50ea140ba0532a8b459e/ | |
| Provide technical assistance on identifying and addressing factors contributing to significant disproportionality | April 2019 to September 2019 | States may want to consider using the Success Gaps tool in this work: https://ideadata.org/resource-library/57ae50ea140ba0532a8b459e/ | |
| Implementing “New” Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) | | |  |
| Build a function into financial systems to track use of IDEA Part B funds for “new” comprehensive CEIS for LEAs identified with significant disproportionality in SY 2018–2019. | July 2017 to June 2018 | States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. Some State financial and data systems may take longer to modify. In addition, consider challenges associated with tracking CEIS data for 3 to 5 year olds. | |
| Build or modify data systems to track children ages 3–21 receiving “new” comprehensive CEIS | July 2017 to June 2018 | States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. Some State financial and data systems may take longer to modify. In addition, consider challenges associated with tracking CEIS data for 3 to 5 year olds. | |
| Beginning July 1, 2018, ensure LEAs identified with significant disproportionality prior to SY 2018–2019 track the use of IDEA Part B funds for “new” comprehensive CEIS. | July 2018 and track until expended | States using contractors may need to consider the timelines associated with their procurement processes. Some State financial and data systems may take longer to modify. In addition, consider challenges associated with tracking CEIS data for 3 to 5 year olds. | |
| Work with LEAs to plan how to implement “new” comprehensive CEIS | March 2018 to July 2018 |  | |
| Ensure LEAs are appropriately implementing “new” comprehensive CEIS | July 2018 until funds are expended |  | |
| New Reporting Requirements and Changes | |  | |
| Provide comment to the Department on Information Collection Request | June 2017 to August 2017 | This information collection has not yet been published, but the Department anticipates that States will have an opportunity to comment on the new collection this summer. | |
| Begin to prepare to report data based on new final Information Collection Request | September 2017 |  | |
| Report State selected risk ratio thresholds, minimum cell and n-sizes, standards for reasonable progress, rationales for each, and the number of years of data used to make a determination of significant disproportionality. | Spring 2019 | States will have the option of reporting these data prior to SY 18-19 in the Spring of 2018. States will not need to report these data in future years unless they make changes to their risk ratio thresholds, cell-sizes, n-sizes, standards for reasonable progress or the number of years of data used. | |
| LEAs publicly report revisions of policies, procedures, and practices | September 2019 to December 2019 |  | |

# Full Timeline Snapshot with Key Milestones

**Note:** The image below visually depicts the tasks and dates included in the table on pages 1–4.

Implement “New” Comprehensive CEIS  
July 2018

Milestones

Start  
Feb 2017

3rd Quarter

1st Quarter

3rd Quarter

1st Quarter

3rd Quarter

1st Quarter

Understanding the New Regulations  
Feb 17 – July 17

Set State Definition of Significant Disproportionality  
April 17 – Oct 17

Submit questions on the regulations to the Department  
4/30/17

New Reporting Requirements and Changes  
June 17 – December 19

Implementing “New” Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS))  
July 17 – December 19

State Revision of Policies and Procedures (PP’s)  
August 17 – March 18

Agust

Calculate Significant Disproportionality  
July 18 –July 20

Notify LEAs and Provide TA  
March 19 – September 19

Submit questions on the regulations to the Department  
April 2017

Provide comment to the Department on Information Collection Request  
Summer 2017

Set State Definition of Significant Disproportionality  
October 2017

Revise State Policies and Procedures  
March 2018

Make annual determinations of significant disproportionality using   
new methodology  
May 2019

Report State selected risk ratio thresholds, minimum cell and n-sizes, standards for reasonable progress rationales for each, and the number of years of data used.  
May 2019

# February 2017 through June 2018

**Note:** The Gantt chart below visually depicts the dates from February 2017 through June 2018 that are included in the table on pages 1–4.



# July 2018 through July 2020

**Note:** The Gantt chart below visually depicts the dates from July 2018 through July 2020 that are included in the table on pages 1–4.

