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News Flash

C2C MIS/CALPADS End of the Year Training May 19 8:30-11:00. Email jconnolly@sbceo.org for registration Zoom link for the event.

New Features in SIRAS

Electronic Signature: The electronic signature is now available for the following forms: Meeting Notice, Assessment Plan, and the Consent and Attendance forms. This feature is available to non-SIRAS users (Parent/Guardian, General Education Teacher or Other Participants). Please contact support@sirassystems.com if you have questions or suggestions concerning this feature. For directions on how to use the electronic signature, please see the support library in the tools section.

Parent Rights: The Parent Rights have been added as an optional form to the Pre-Meeting tab, for easy download and/or printing.

Highlighted Fields: When the Consent and Attendance form is opened by the parent, the areas they need to initial are now highlighted in yellow. The case manager will not see the yellow highlights in the IEP Manager, only the parent as the recipient. The **Save and Close button** is also highlighted yellow to remind parents to click that button to send the form back to SIRAS.

DRAFT IEP: When the Consent and Attendance form is opened by the parent, there is now a link to the full document. When the parent clicks View Full Document, a copy of the draft IEP with DRAFT watermark is automatically on the IEP. The parent can download this copy to read prior to signing the form.

Spanish Forms: When the Translation Req'd box is checked and the forms are developed in Spanish, the parent will receive the form, associated instructions and the draft of the IEP in Spanish, as well as see buttons with Spanish translations.

Awaiting Parent Consent: SIRAS has added a new Parent Response, 'Meeting Continue/Awaiting Consent,' which advances only the IEP meeting dates in the MIS Summary. Once consent is received, select 'Accepts the Plan' and then Finalize.

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Link to Finalized IEP: SIRAS is developing a password protected link for the final IEP that can be emailed to parents or other participants; more information will be shared once completed.

Finalizing IEP Meetings during COVID-19: SIRAS is developing a way to finalize unresolved IEP meetings. The case manager will enter the meeting delay reason and force finalize unresolved IEP meetings before we leave for summer. This will enable the correct information to be reported to CALPADS and prevent a compliance issue.

Finalized IEP meetings that need to be continued or were not held prior to 6/30/2020 can be reactivated in the Fall. See [Finalizing Open IEPs during COVID-19 help sheet](#) for specific scenarios.

COVID-19 Information

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/specialedcovid19guidance.asp>

All Users

Work-Based and Classroom-Based Experience: Last year, two college/career indicators were released by the CDE which to be collected by CALPADS through the IEP system (SIRAS). The [CALPADS Flash #174](#) released on 4/1/20 renamed and redefined both indicators designed to meet the rigor and accountability of the other college/career measures that contribute to the CA School Dashboard. Check with your program coordinator for their guidance for data collection and submission and read more information on the [College Career help sheet](#) linked here.

Site Administrators

DRDP: In light of school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDE is not requiring the submission of rating records that would have been completed between March 16th and June 30th, 2020. You should submit any DRDP rating records that were completed prior to March 16th. Do not submit any partially completed rating records. Enter records completed prior to March 16th into SIRAS by May 29th.

Overdue as of 6/30/20: Currently, meetings without meeting dates are not sent to CALPADS. Siras Systems is developing a way to send meeting delay reasons for open IEP meetings that are due by 6/30/2020, but no meeting will be held.

Email: support@sirassystems.com

Issues concerning bugs on forms; SIRAS procedures; troubleshooting questions; IEP Manager; configuration issues; MIS Summary page; CASEMIS and other general questions.

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