



David Douglas School District

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STUDENT SERVICES

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Dear David Douglas Families and Caregivers,

This letter is to communicate our strategy to implement OAR 581-015-2229 for the remainder of this rule, which expires July 1st, 2023. The rule compels IEP teams to consider additional recovery services to enhance progress toward goals, where progress was not sufficient because of the student's disability **and** the impact of the pandemic learning environment.

The district did implement this rule over this past school year, however, the notices that were sent were unclear about the type, amount and frequency of recovery services.

Our process moving forward includes a discussion at each annual IEP meeting to determine the need for additional recovery services to enhance progression toward goals for your student experiencing a disability. In cases where the annual IEP review has already taken place this school year, I have asked case managers to reconvene the team to discuss these services with you.

Last year, tutoring was offered as the mainstay of recovery service. While this is an option for recovery service, the rule allows for teams to creatively consider other ways of providing a supplemental service such as additional services on the IEP, supplementary aids and services, additional or intensified instruction, social emotional learning support and natural peer or adult supports. For eligible students, these services can take place during school, during or part of after school programs, during summer programming, etc.

The decision for eligibility must be based on evidence (typically progress monitoring following the pandemic learning methods) that because of your child's disability **and** pandemic learning environment, progress toward goals was significantly impacted. If eligible for recovery services, the recovery service must be individualized to that student, centered around the goal area of concern and consideration of the student's current circumstance. Once a decision has been made, the case manager will provide a prior written notice of eligibility, and if eligible, the specifics of services offered.

Please contact your student's case manager if you would like to discuss recovery services outside of your child's annual IEP meeting.

Sincerely,

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