

Updates to the SpedEx Process During the Covid-19 Emergency and School Closures.

TRADITIONAL SPEDEX PROCESS	CHANGES TO SPEDEX DURING THE COVID EMERGENCY
SpedEx Consultant’s recommendations report delivered within 30 school days	No change, <i>however delays are possible.</i>
School and Parent/Guardian provide SpedEx Consultant with copy of rejected IEP and other relevant documents	Documents may be sent via e-mail or regular mail. [Note: medical files should never be shared over e-mail.] <i>*Documents that cannot be sent may not be used.</i>
Parent/Guardian and school educators interviewed separately	Parent/Guardian and educator interviews will be conducted via telephone or internet video connections (e.g., Zoom, google Hangouts). <i>*Interviews may not be recorded.</i> <i>*NO in-home or other public venue meetings until further notice.</i> <i>*If schools do not consent to educators being interviewed there can be no SpedEx consultation.</i>
Observation of student in current school placement <i>*SpedEx Consultants do not visit possible alternative placements.</i>	(1.) Only some schools allow visitors in buildings, and only some SpedEx Consultants are willing to make in-person visits. (2.) If there can’t be an in-person observation, we can conduct the SpedEx consultation without a student observation. (3.) If parent and school each agree, we can do a video observation: <i>*observation will be via internet;</i>

	<p>*observation may be of the student at home if a school observation is not possible;</p> <p>*SpedEx Consultant will suggest what is appropriate to observe (e.g., type of task, the setting);</p> <p>*maximum observation length of 30 minutes.</p> <p>*observation may be live or pre-recorded. <i>(Please note: most schools cannot agree to film a teacher-child interaction);</i></p> <p>*video will not be available to either party for review;</p> <p>*whomever films the video will delete any copy once the Consultant's report is delivered;</p> <p>*the video will not be shown at the optional meeting where the Consultant explains her/his recommendations report.</p>
<p>Optional meeting for Consultant to explain her/his recommendations report. <i>* if both school & parent/guardian wish a meeting, must be one joint meeting</i></p>	<p>No Change. *will be conducted via telephone or internet video connections (e.g., Zoom, google Hangouts)</p>
<p>School and Parent/Guardian meet without SpedEx Consultant to see if they can agree on a new IEP</p>	<p>No Change.</p>
<p>Optional Follow-Up Observation & Report <i>*Available if a signed IEP results from SpedEx consultation</i></p>	<p>No Change. <i>above policies apply.</i></p>
	<p>FOR SCHOOLS THAT REOPEN</p> <p>*In the event schools reopen and allow outside visitors, the Consultant alone will decide whether she/he is willing to make physical visits.</p>

	* The Consultant will only visit a school to do an observation of the student. NO OTHER meetings will be in-person.
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This policy is subject to updates based on changes in the Covid-Emergency.