

## New SLD Rule/Procedures

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?

The new Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) rule went into effect on March 23, 2009, with the previous method of identification and eligibility phased out on July 1, 2010. The new rule requires that Response to Intervention (RtI) data be collected on students referred for evaluation for SLD; these data are now required as part of the eligibility determination. Documentation for SLD requires RtI data in the form of both; (1) a performance discrepancy from grade level or chronological age standards, and (2) progress monitoring of interventions showing rate of progress toward achieving grade level or chronological age standards. **A comprehensive evaluation must still be requested prior to eligibility being determined.** A parent may still request an evaluation; when this occurs, the RtI data is collected concurrently with the comprehensive evaluation.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

Make sure that the Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) team at your school is "up to speed" with the RtI requirement of the new SLD rule. Collection and management of RtI data is the explicit responsibility of the CPS team at each school. If your CPS team has additional needs for training on RtI, please have them contact either Psychological Services (District Student Services Department) or your Area Coordinator of Student Services.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

Failure to collect both RtI data and complete the comprehensive evaluation on students referred for suspected SLD will prevent a timely eligibility meeting. The 60-day timeline for completion of the comprehensive evaluation is still required.

### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

All members of the CPS team at your school; all staff that may make referrals for evaluations of students for suspected SLD; the ESE Specialist at your school.

### HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

If members of the CPS team at your school are in need of additional training on RtI, please have them contact one of the individuals listed below.

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