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As a condition for accepting Federal (IDEA) funds dedicated to meeting the individual needs of students with disabilities, the CDE must annually review the Administrative Unit (AU)'s performance to determine if the AU:

- 1) Meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of IDEA,
- 2) Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of IDEA,
- 3) Needs Intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of IDEA, or
- 4) Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of IDEA.

34 C.F.R. § 300.603(b)(1)

The AU's performance is measured based on information provided by the AU, information obtained through monitoring visits, and other public information made available to the AU.

In making the determination in spring 2020, the CDE considered data submitted by Aurora Public Schools throughout SY2018-19 in the following manner:

1. A **Compliance Matrix** that includes scoring on SPP/APR Compliance Indicators and other compliance elements
2. A **Results Matrix** that includes scoring on Results Elements
3. A **Compliance Score** and **Compliance Determination**
4. A **Results Score** and **Results Determination**
5. An **AU Percentage** based on the Compliance Score and the Results Score. The Compliance Score is weighted at **50%** and the Results Score is weighted at **50%** to calculate the RDA Percentage.
6. A consideration of **Special Conditions**
7. The AU's overall **Determination**

SPP/APR compliance indicators and other compliance elements examined in the current determination:

Indicator 4A: Whether the AU has significant discrepancy from the state in the rate of out-of-school suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities that sum up to greater than 10 days in a school year.

Indicator 4B: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation by race/ethnicity in the rate of out-of-school suspensions/expulsions of students with disabilities that sum up to greater than 10 days in a school year, and the disproportionate representation is due to inappropriate policies, procedures, or practices.

Indicator 9: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race/ethnicity due to inappropriate policies, procedures, or practices.

Indicator 10: Whether the AU has disproportionate representation of students with disabilities by race/ethnicity in a specific disability category due to inappropriate policies, procedures, or practices.

Indicator 11: Percent of children who were evaluated within 60 calendar days of receiving parental consent for initial evaluation.

Indicator 12: Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.

Indicator 13: Percent of youth ages 15 and above with an IEP that includes each of the required components for secondary transition.

Timely and Accurate Data Submission: The timeliness and accuracy of data submitted by the AUs under section 616 and 618 of the IDEA.

SPP/APR results indicators and other results elements examined in the current determination:

Indicator 1: Percent of youth with IEPs graduating from high school with a regular diploma.

Indicator 2: Percent of youth ages 14 and above with IEPs who exited from school due to dropping out.

Indicator 3: Statewide assessments participation, regular assessment mean scale score, and alternate assessment proficiency rate.

In addition, the following results elements are also included:

1. Median Growth Percentile in ELA and Math
2. Rise Up in ELA and Math (No data in SY2018-19)
3. Keep Up in ELA and Math (No data in SY2018-19)
4. For information only: Regular assessment mean scale score in ELA and Math with “IEP exiters” included. (Please see [“How the CDE ESSU Made Determinations - 2020,”](#) for detailed information.)



Indicator 7: Percent of preschool children who showed substantial growth and those who reached age expectations by the time they exited the program in positive socio-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, and use of appropriate behaviors.

Indicator 14: Percent of youth who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and

1. Whom AUs attempted to contact.
2. Participated in the post-school outcome interview.
3. Interview results indicate that the youth is enrolled in higher ed or some other postsecondary education or training program; or competitively employed or in some other employment within one year of leaving high school.

Based on an evaluation using the criteria identified above, the CDE has made the following determinations for Aurora Public Schools:

Compliance Determination: **Meets Requirements**

Results Determination: **Needs Assistance**

All together, Aurora Public Schools **Meets Requirements** for the implementation of Part B of the IDEA for SY2018-19. Please access <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/determpref> for various resources related to the determinations.

CDE is committed to supporting Aurora Public Schools in its efforts to improve results for children with disabilities and looks forward to working with you over the next year.

If you have any questions regarding this determination or the process, please contact Candace Hawkins at 303.866.6213 or by e-mail at Hawkins_C@cde.state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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Posted to <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/determinations> on 4/22/2020

