# **Scenario Planning for Special Education Report**

		<u>Full In-Person</u>	<u>Hybrid</u>	<u>Full Remote</u>
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- Recommendation for schools to identify a space that is utilized for these providers that is not shared with other small group work
- Teletherapy is also a viable option
- Training for teletherapy (individual & group sessions) will be provided for service providers

#### Class Placement:

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- All TDLPs will be reviewed and revised with IEPs on the same timeline
- IEP meetings can be scheduled during the 1-3PM block available because all staff is still required to be on duty during those times
- All meetings should be scheduled virtually
- Teams will have the capability of utilizing e-signatures for IEPs
  - School teams will be responsible for deciding the best avenue for acquiring parent signatures
- The meetings should be scheduled for 30-45 minute time frames
  - If this is an initial or re-evaluation meeting, these times may be a bit longer as needed
  - Teams will be responsible for being respectful of time limits & expectations

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- Teletherapy is the primary option for service delivery
- When required, face-to-face sessions can be investigated utilizing social distancing guidelines if allowed and agreed upon
  - District will need to

# Materials/Resources for Students:

- Schools will, to the best of their ability, utilize individual manipulatives and specialized resources for students
- When individual manipulatives and specialized resources are not feasible, the school will institute a disinfecting protocol for materials that must be used by multiple students
- The district will investigate any opportunities for online components of required programs to reduce the amount of materials needed to be physically handled

# Parent/Guardian as Learning Partners::

- Training for parents/guardians regarding PPE & social distancing protocols will be provided
- Training for parents/guardians on Remote Learning platforms is strongly recommended
- Translation services will be utilized to ensure parents/guardians are comfortable with the Remote Learning platforms
- Parent/guardian volunteers can support the school through helping other parents regarding online platforms and potentially translations as needed

# **Daily Logistics & Work Management**

# Safety Protocols:

• If students are in face-to-face

teachers via Remote Learning platforms when student is in Remote Learning setting

# Pull-Out/Small Group Instruction:

- When operating remotely, teachers will work with students in virtual breakout rooms or independent platforms (small group or individual)
  - If a parent opts out of these group sessions because of confidentiality issues, individual sessions will be offered when feasible
- In the situations when working remotely where a parent is required to support the student within the virtual services being provided, but the parent/guardian does not attend, alternative approaches will be implemented
  - The multiple approaches and strategies will be documented in X2 should the parent/guardian continue to not attend the virtual service delivery

# Paraprofessionals:

- Must have an active role that takes the direction from the teachers/classrooms they support
- Laptops will be assigned to paraprofessionals to ensure they can support Remote Learning

- identify the population of students that will require face-to-face sessions due to specific needs
- Training for teletherapy (individual & group sessions) will be provided for service providers

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> In that work, the understanding is also that the required PPE and protective equipment is readily and consistently available

#### **DESE GUIDANCE:**

 In order to support our students with special needs, we will need to consider that DESE is continuously updating their guidance, and plan to adjust accordingly.

#### Schedules and Class Placement:

- Allied Arts will continue to be provided to students equal to their general education peers
- Schools/teams will take into consideration class placement for students with regard to ensuring special education teachers can support their entire roster effectively

# Behavior Management & Safety Compliance:

 If students are displaying unsafe behaviors with regard to behaviors or safety protocol compliance, the team should meet to adjust approaches and adjust the IEP

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- When individual manipulatives and specialized resources are not feasible, the school will institute a disinfecting protocol for materials that must be used by multiple students
- When required and feasible, individual schools will develop a system to get materials and resources to students when in remote settings.
  - These materials/resources can be made available to students via Meal Service trucks, pick-up sites at schools, potentially the FRC, or any method designated by the schools utilizing social distancing protocols
  - When feasible, the resources can also be placed in the mail through the district's mail system
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# Work Expectations:

- If the IEP designates hand over hand support for the students, it must be provided
  - PPE supplies as needed for this work cannot run out of supply in the classrooms or at the school-level
- Structured socialization and play will still be provided with established social distancing and safety guidelines
  - Schools, teams, and teachers will need to establish measures to handle materials and resources within established social distancing and safety guidelines
- School and district teams will review communication channels and structures to ensure that sufficient time is given with regard to testing and report writing for cases
  - This could include a centralized calendar/scheduling system
- When applicable and with permission, abbreviated batteries of testing can be utilized
- Electronic signing systems will be established to allow for more immediate acceptance of testing,

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- Training for parents/guardians on Remote Learning platforms is strongly recommended
- Training parents with regard to behavior management and SEL strategies to incorporate in the remote setting for their child's learning
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- Parents can take pictures of whatever they sign and give immediate approval and then send the original in the mail
- Recommend to school admin teams that they must allow time for SPED teachers to complete this work within reasonable guidelines

#### Devices & Technology:

- All students in similar programs will be issued the devices that best suit the needs given their disabilities
- Disinfecting and safety management of the devices will be up to the school/team based planning
- Special Education classrooms and programs will be allowed the flexibility to utilize any of the platforms established consistently throughout the district regardless of grade-level

# Documentation:

- A Google Form system will be developed for documentation of services, communication, and notes specifically and individually for teachers to help streamline the process
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consider that DESE is continuously updating their guidance, and plan to adjust accordingly.

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- District & school teams will investigate the feasibility of scheduling special education and ELL students within opposite cohorts to open up more ability to meet their needs effectively

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  - Parent support should be incorporated within adjustments to TDLP with regard to this work being done remotely and include training and resources provided to parents as needed
- Structured socialization and play opportunities will still be need to be provided within the virtual setting if designated on IEPs
  - Schools and teams will need to design approaches to provide these opportunities and adjustments to the TDLP can be made to incorporate parent support and training/resources

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# Sub-Separate Special Education

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# Safety Protocol:

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- Specific materials may be requested by specific programs regarding protecting staff and student health & welfare
  - These are identified in the service delivery section of the recommendations, but should also be provided for testing as needed for specific student populations

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- The meetings should be scheduled for 30-45 minute time frames
  - If this is an initial or re-evaluation meeting, these times may be a bit longer as needed
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- Teachers will work with students in virtual breakout rooms or independent platforms (small group or individual)
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  - Schools will work individually with families/cases to develop plans for students who are not meeting that expectations consistently
- Each program will have the flexibility to use any of the "platforms" identified in the plan for their students
  - For example, a program/alternative school may choose to use SeeSaw all the way up from K through 12 or may choose to utilize Google Classroom solely

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# Scheduling and Staffing::

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- Allied Arts scheduling will need to be created at these schools around the Allied Arts obligations at other schools
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