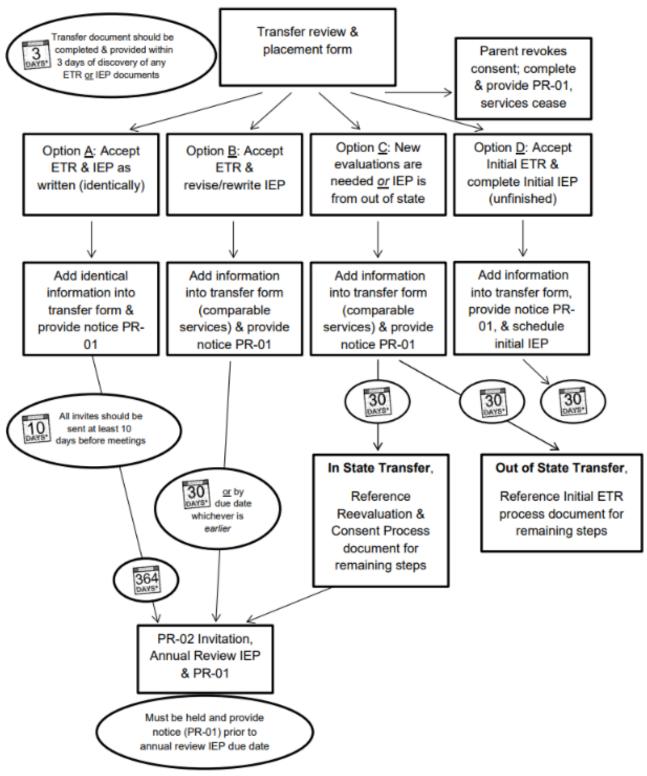
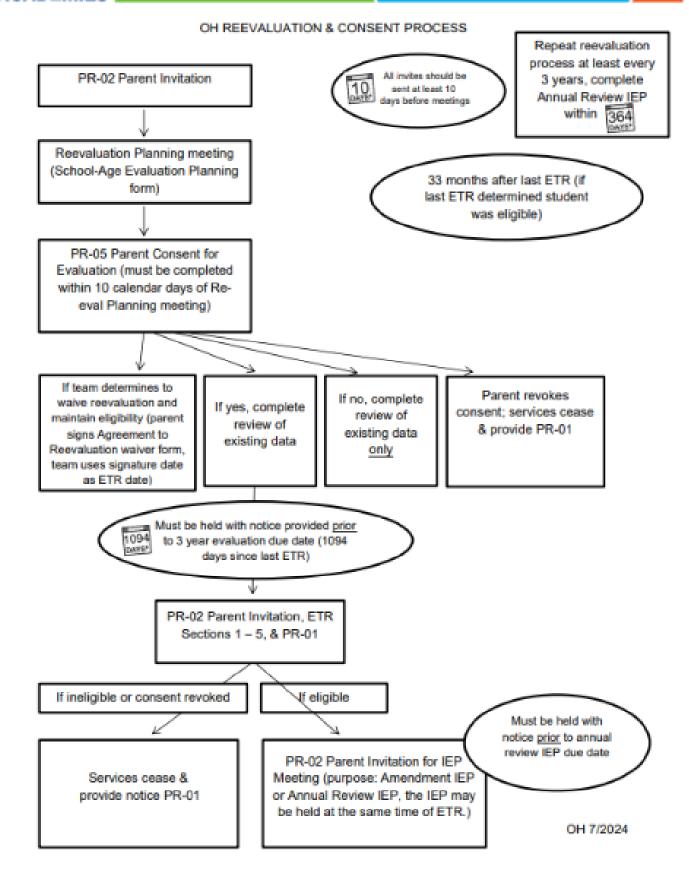


# OH TRANSFER REVIEW & PLACEMENT PROCESS







### **Ohio ETR Review Protocol for School Psychologists**

**Purpose:** To determine if an Evaluation Team Report (ETR) from another district or state is compliant with the **Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities** and can be adopted without additional evaluation.

### **Step 1 – Gather All Documentation**

- Final signed ETR (not drafts)
- Consent forms, assessment reports, and meeting notes
- Student's current or most recent IEP (if available)
- Any reevaluation summaries or amendments

# Step 2 - Check Timelines

- Initial evaluation completed within 60 days of consent (or allowable state timeline)
- Reevaluation completed within 3 years of previous ETR
- If older than 3 years → Full reevaluation required before eligibility is continued

# **Step 3 – Verify Procedural Compliance**

- Parent consent documented before evaluation
- Multidisciplinary team involvement
- Use of **multiple sources of data** (observations, standardized tests, work samples, progress monitoring, interviews, records review)
- Signatures are on all documents
- Dates on documents match the dates of the signatures
  - An exception would be on a consent form. The parent may date the consent form a day or more after the planning form.

# Step 4 - Verify Required Content in the ETR

- Background information (medical, educational, developmental history)
- Assessment results with standard scores and interpretation
- Strengths and needs clearly described
- Adverse educational impact documented
- Eligibility determination with:
  - Disability category selected
  - Justification with data
  - Exclusionary factors addressed
  - Parent input documented

# **Step 5 – Check for Ohio Requirements by Disability Category Specific Learning Disability (SLD)**

- Inadequate achievement in one or more academic areas
- Lack of sufficient progress despite intervention
- Rule out exclusionary factors (lack of instruction, cultural/economic, LEP)
- Multiple data sources used- Including observation in the area of suspected disability

# Other Health Impairment (OHI)

- Medical documentation from qualified health professional
- Evidence of limited strength, vitality, or alertness
- Educational impact documented

# Speech/Language Impairment (SLI)

- Standardized and informal assessments
- Functional impact on communication/learning
- · Observation(s) in educational setting
- Rule out dialect or language acquisition issues

### Autism

- Developmental history and parent input
- Observations in multiple settings
- Evidence of social, communication, and/or behavioral patterns consistent with ASD
- Educational impact

# Intellectual Disability (ID)

- Cognitive assessment ~2 SD below mean
- Adaptive behavior deficits in ≥2 skill areas
- Educational impact and developmental history

# **Emotional Disturbance (ED)**

- One or more qualifying characteristics present over a long period and to a marked degree
- Educational impact documented
- Rule out temporary or situational issues

# Visual Impairment (including blindness)

- Eye report from medical professional
- Functional vision and learning media assessment
- Educational impact

# **Hearing Impairment / Deafness**

- · Audiological report from qualified audiologist
- Functional listening assessment
- Educational impact

#### **Orthopedic Impairment**

- Medical documentation of orthopedic condition
- Educational impact

# **Multiple Disabilities**

- · Meets criteria for at least two categories
- Combination causes greater educational need than one alone

### **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

- Medical or credible history of brain injury from external force
- Functional/academic impact documented
- Observations included

### **Developmental Delay (ages 3–9)**

- Delays in ≥1 developmental domain (physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional, adaptive)
- Educational impact documented

# Step 6 - Determine Transferability

- From another Ohio district: If compliant → adopt until next reevaluation
- From another state: → conduct targeted or full reevaluation

### **Step 7 – Document Your Review**

- Written summary in student's file stating:
  - Compliance status
  - Missing elements (if any)
  - Need for further evaluation

# Step 8 – Communicate with Team & Family

- If compliant: Share with IEP team and proceed with services
- If not compliant:
  - Explain what's missing

**Ohio ETR Compliance Review Checklist** 

 $\square$  If >3 years old  $\rightarrow$  full reevaluation required

- o Obtain consent for additional testing
- o Continue comparable services until new eligibility is determined

# Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Review: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Source ETR: □ Ohio district □ Out-of-state Step 1 - Documentation Received □ Final signed ETR □ Parental consent form(s) □ All assessment reports □ Meeting notes □ Current/most recent IEP (if available) □ Reevaluation summaries/amendments Step 2 - Timelines □ Initial evaluation completed within 60 days of consent (or allowable state timeline) □ ETR is less than 3 years old

| Step 3 – Procedural Compliance   |
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| <ul> <li>□ Parent consent documented prior to evaluation</li> <li>□ Multidisciplinary team participation documented</li> <li>□ Multiple sources of data used (tests, observations, interviews, progress monitoring)</li> </ul>   |
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| Step 4 – Required ETR Content  |
| <ul> <li>□ Background information (medical, educational, developmental history)</li> <li>□ Assessment results with standard scores &amp; interpretation</li> <li>□ Strengths and needs documented</li> <li>□ Adverse educational impact documented</li> <li>□ Eligibility determination includes:</li> <li>□ Disability category identified</li> <li>□ Justification with data</li> <li>□ Exclusionary factors addressed</li> <li>□ Parent input documented</li> </ul> |
| Step 5 – Disability Category Requirements  |
| (Check the student's category and confirm all apply)   |
| □ Specific Learning Disability (SLD) □ Inadequate achievement documented □ Lack of sufficient progress despite interventions □ Exclusionary factors ruled out □ Multiple data sources  |
| <ul> <li>□ Other Health Impairment (OHI)</li> <li>□ Medical documentation from qualified health professional</li> <li>□ Limited strength, vitality, or alertness documented</li> <li>□ Educational impact documented</li> </ul>  |
| □ Speech/Language Impairment (SLI) □ Standardized & informal assessments □ Functional impact documented □ Observations included □ Dialect/language acquisition issues ruled out  |

| □ Autism   |   |
|--|---|
| ☐ Developmental history & parent input   |   |
| ☐ Observations in multiple settings  |   |
| ☐ Communication/social/behavioral patterns documented                              |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |
| □ Intellectual Disability (ID)   |   |
| ☐ Cognitive scores ~2 SD below mean  |   |
| ☐ Adaptive deficits in ≥2 areas  |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |
| ☐ Developmental history included   |   |
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| ☐ Eye report from medical professional   |   |
| ☐ Functional vision & learning media assessment                                    |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |
| ☐ Hearing Impairment / Deafness  |   |
| ☐ Audiological report  |   |
| ☐ Functional listening assessment  |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |
| □ Orthopedic Impairment  |   |
| ☐ Medical documentation of orthopedic condition                                    |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |
| □ Multiple Disabilities  |   |
| ☐ Meets criteria for ≥2 categories   |   |
| ☐ Combination causes greater needs than one alone                                  |   |
| □ Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)   |   |
| ☐ Medical or credible injury history   |   |
| ☐ Functional/academic impact documented  |   |
| ☐ Observations included  |   |
| □ Developmental Delay (ages 3–9)   |   |
| □ Delay in ≥1 developmental domain   |   |
| ☐ Educational impact documented  |   |

| Step 6 – Transferability Decision                                 |       |
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| ☐ Meets Ohio compliance standards – adopt until next reevaluation |       |
| ☐ Missing elements – conduct targeted reevaluation                |       |
| ☐ More than 3 years old – conduct full reevaluation               |       |
| Reviewer Signature:   | Date: |