

State Performance Plan Indicator 7 (SPPI-7): Early Childhood Outcomes

Entry and Exit Data Collection Criteria

Local education agencies (LEAs) are required to assess all 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children with individual education programs (IEPs) at 2 points in time (i.e., Entry and Exit) with at least 6 months in between. A team of individuals (including parents/guardians) who are familiar with the child's functioning across a variety of situations and settings use the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process and the Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF) to collect and summarize SPPI-7 data. A paper or electronic copy of the COSF should be retained for verification in a secure and accessible location. It is recommended that a copy of the COSF be placed in the child's special education eligibility folder. Entry and Exit data are submitted annually to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) through the SPPI-7 application in the [Texas Education Agency Login \(TEAL\)](#).

ENTRY CRITERIA

The Entry COS Process and COSF should be completed for all 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children with IEPs within 30 school days after they meet 1 of the following criteria.

- **New Student** – the child has been found eligible by the Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee and placed in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
- **Transfer Student** – the child transfers into the LEA's ECSE program from another LEA's ECSE program
- **Student with an Auditory and/or Visual Impairment** – a child receiving special education services prior to age 3 for an auditory and/or visual impairment enrolls in ECSE

The date for the Entry COSF will be the date the child begins ECSE.

EXIT CRITERIA

For all children who have been enrolled in ECSE for at least 6 months, the Exit COS Process and COSF should be completed no earlier than 30 school days prior to meeting 1 of the following criteria.

- **Child has aged out** – the child turned 6-years-old and aged out of ECSE
- **Dismissed by ARD** – the child was dismissed from ECSE by the ARD Committee

Other Exit Reasons Reported in the SPPI-7 TEAL Application

The COSF does not have to be completed for children meeting the following criteria; however, an Exit reason must be reported in the SPPI-7 TEAL application.

- **In program less than 6 months** – child was not in ECSE for 6 months
- **Child has left the district** – child withdrew from the LEA before aging out or being dismissed by the ARD Committee
- **Other (i.e., death)** – child is no longer in ECSE for other reasons

The date for the Exit COSF will be the last date the child is in ECSE.