

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on their fronts. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. There are several desks and chairs arranged in the room.

Special Education Monitoring

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.
- Each state must have a General Supervision System to monitor and enforce the implementation of IDEA and ensuring continuous improvement with a particular emphasis on those requirements most related to improving educational results for children with disabilities (34 CFR § 300.600).

Special Education Monitoring in Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS)

- Management Audit and IDEA Compliance
 - Oct. 9, 2017 – The Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE) Division of Learning Services (DLS) issued an IDEA Report of Findings to JCPS with 10 areas of noncompliance. A corrective action plan (CAP) was initiated to address the noncompliance.
 - Sept. 10 – 21, 2018 – DLS conducted an onsite monitoring visit to review areas originally identified through the 2017 Management Audit.
 - Oct. 5, 2018 – DLS issued a letter to JCPS noting that the visit substantiated JCPS’s inability to close the CAP and acknowledged the 2017 IDEA Report of Findings had been embedded within the Oct. 1 Settlement Agreement.

Special Education Monitoring in JCPS

- The Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL, formerly DLS) implemented intensive assistance and progressive sanctions in accordance with 707 KAR 1:380.
- Nov. 19, 2019 – OSEEL issued a Conditional Funding letter for JCPS's FFY 2019 IDEA Part B grant allocation requiring the district to meet two conditions: close the IDEA CAP and receive a Meets Requirements on its Annual Determination.
- July 29, 2020 – OSEEL issued a Conditional Funding letter for JCPS's FFY 2020 IDEA Part B grant allocation requiring the district to meet two conditions: demonstrate successful management of its special education program in compliance with state and federal law and receive a Meets Requirements on its next Annual Determination.

Special Education Monitoring in JCPS

- September 1, 2021 - OSEEL issued a Conditional Funding letter for JCPS's FFY 2021 IDEA Part B grant allocation requiring the district to meet two conditions: demonstrate successful management of its special education program in compliance with state and federal law and receive a Meets Requirements on its next Annual Determination.
- April 25, 2022 – OSEEL released JCPS from the IDEA CAP because all requirements were met.
- June 30, 2022 – JCPS received a Meets Requirements on its Annual Determination.
- July 8, 2022 – JCPS was released from special conditions.

Special Education Monitoring in JCPS

- Management Audit
 - Activities from 2016-2022
- IDEA Programmatic Monitoring
 - Annual Determinations
 - Indicator Monitoring for KY's State Performance Plan / Annual Performance Report
 - Alternate Assessment Participation
 - Risk Focused Monitoring (January 2025)
- IDEA Fiscal Monitoring (January 2025)
- Significant Disproportionality Review