

J.E.S.S.E. Newsletter

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Corporation of Legal Settlement Scenario

Q: Student is attending a school outside of their district via open enrollment. Student is withdrawing to homeschool so the school needs to offer a service plan. Does the district which accepted the student on open enrollment have the responsibility to offer the service plan or does the district where the student resides offer it?

A: The Corporation of Legal Settlement is the corporation that has the responsibility to offer FAPE. So, in the instance of this scenario, it would fall on the corporation where the student resides to offer FAPE and then a service plan. Please inform parent of their responsibility to notify their local school to request an offer of FAPE upon their withdrawal.

Specially Designed Instruction (SDI)

The IDOE Office of Special Education Programs has provided a new guidance document on SDI. The purpose of this document is to help define and increase the capacity of understanding about specially designed instruction as it relates to students with disabilities in Indiana. This document serves as guidance for IEP teams, administrators, educators and practitioners as they determine the need for, plan, and implement Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) for students with disabilities who require an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/specialed/specially-designed-instruction.pdf>

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS



Executive Functioning in the Classroom

Here is a nice resource for teachers, SLP's, and related service providers to use for addressing student needs in the area of Executive Functioning Skills. The website <http://www.efintheclassroom.net/> contains multiple lessons over the various areas of executive skills including sustained attention, task initiation, emotional control, and metacognition...just to name a few. This resource contains folders of scripted lessons, videos, and other written documents for you to use - all set up and ready to go!

1st Annual Transition Fair

Please mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Transition Fair hosted by J.E.S.S.E. and the Transition Advisory Council (TAC).

When: Thursday, March 15, 2018

1 - 7 p.m. (EST).

Where: Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center at The Center at Donaldson
9601 Union Road, Plymouth, IN 46563

Why: Free event - connecting our students with special needs to resources to create a successful pathway after High School Graduation.

Who: *Classrooms are invited to attend in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. (EST).

*Students and their families ages 14 and up.

*Anyone interested in Transition/Provider Services to support our students.

All families will receive the 2 attachments via mail; however, please help to share this information in newsletters and on school websites. Please contact Lisa Rizek (lrizek@jesse.k12.in.us) if you plan to bring students in the afternoon to the Transition Fair.



Social Skills Instruction - SILAS

Looking for ideas to explicitly teach social skills to meet the needs of students? Here is a technology-based intervention that can be used...mostly geared towards elementary and intermediate grade levels.

SILAS (Socially Interactive Learning Avatar Software) is a browser-based game that lets students learn and practice social skills by creating their own animated movies on the computer within minutes. Kids play SILAS using game controllers, working through a curriculum with their teachers. SILAS records interaction in real-time, producing a studio-quality animation that teachers can watch, critique, and assess. To see a demo and

receive additional information, visit <https://www.silassolutions.com/>

Tom Dulle Achievement Scholarship 2018

It's that time of year again for high school seniors to start filling out applications for the Tom Dulle Achievement Scholarship. Eligible candidates must have a current IEP in place and attend one of the nine school corporations within the JESSE cooperative. This scholarship is in honor of a man who served 17 years as the first director of JESSE. This is the 19th year for our \$500 scholarship. It is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his/her educational career and/or shows promise to further his/her education beyond high school. All applications must be received by May 1, 2018. The applications can be found on the JESSE website under the *About Us* tab.

<http://www.jesse.k12.in.us/index.cfm/about-us/tom-dulle-scholarship/>