

Page G District Wide Changes April 5, 2010

Changes were made to Page G of the IEP. Under the direction of the Dept of Education, we have modified the checkbox for "District wide assessment not given at this grade level" and made it read only (unavailable for the consumer to complete).

This box is now automatically completed for all students. If the Grade is PK, this box will be checked. If the Grade is not PK, the box will always be unchecked.

The program also makes all other DWA checkboxes read only if the grade is PK. If the grade is not PK, all of the other DWA checkboxes are selectable by the consumer.

We have received several questions regarding these changes and how to handle 12th grade and additional year students. Immediately below are quoted remarks from within the Department of Education:

Our data folks found that "District Wide Assessment not given at this grade level" box was being misused, especially for students taking the Alternate Assessment. The data showed that less than half of the students with this box checked were 12th graders.

We were also told that most 12th graders assemble senior portfolios which are required in some districts and the students receive a grade for this work. This would serve as the District Wide Assessment for the 12th graders.

Our suggestion for handling the situation where there isn't a District Wide Assessment for 12th graders, is to choose the box(s) that would tell how the student would take the test if one were given. The teacher would be guided by the student's District Wide Assessment selections on prior IEPs. This would also apply to students enrolled in 'extra' year programs beyond high school, but the student is still classified as a senior in our systems.