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Bureau of Special Education Support FY'23 Memo #3

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Administrators of Special Education

From: Bureau of Special Education Support
Division of Learner Support

RE: Educational Environments for Students with Disabilities: Settings in NHSEIS


The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Support (Bureau), in order to align with the federal definitions for environments for students with disabilities, will be making changes to the New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS) regarding educational environment/settings.

The Bureau will be removing "Private Day School" as an option from the NHSEIS dropdowns for setting on the services page and the placement page, effective immediately.

Instead of "Private Day School", going forward districts should select "Separate School" from the settings dropdown for those students placed out of district or "Residential School" from the settings dropdown for those students placed out of district who also live at their placement. This is true for both the services page (as long as the out of district placement is where the services are taking place) and the placement page.

The Bureau will also be adding a checkbox to the placement page after Separate School or Residential School is selected from the settings dropdown to confirm if the placement is for more than fifty percent of the day. The checkbox will show up after "Save" or "Save and Continue" is selected. This change is scheduled to go into effect with the August release on July 29th, 2022.

John March 2019

 Instructions - Please review and complete the information below for the service selected.

Program Name	Alternative Behavior Resource
Service Coordinator Title	- select -
Service Provider Title	- select -
*Dates Service Provided:	*Begin: 06/07/2021 *End: 06/06/2022
*Setting:	Residential School
Is this placement for longer then 50% of the school day?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Associated Goals

Check All

Check None

☐ Increase Reading Skills - Comprehension

☐ Increase Reading Skills - Vocabulary

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Save

Save and Continue >>

In conjunction with these changes the Bureau is issuing a Fact Sheet regarding selecting educational environments/settings in NHSEIS for services and placement (attached).

The federal definitions for environments for students with disabilities can be found in the “IDEA Part B Child Count and Educational Environments, OSEP Data Documentation” document on the [IDEA Section 618 Data Documentation webpage](#).

If you have any questions regarding NHSEIS, please contact Brandy Pappas at 271-2178 or Brandy.A.Pappas@doe.nh.gov

If you have any questions regarding preschool settings, please contact Christina MacDonald at 271-4680 or Christina.A.MacDonald@doe.nh.gov

If you have any questions regarding school age (K-12) settings, please contact Mary Sheehy at 271-4776 or Mary.D.Sheehy@doe.nh.gov