



Post School Outcomes: Strategies for the 2021 Season



Secondary Transition | Post School Outcomes
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Today's Objectives

Foundational concepts of Post School Outcomes (PSO)

Interactive Breakout Rooms: Share your strategies!

2021 Season Preparation: Timeline, Best Practices, and Resources

Indicator 14

Measurement of a student's post school engagement

Percentage of youths who are no longer in secondary school, had IEPs in effect at the time they left school, and were:

- enrolled in higher education,
- competitively employed,
- enrolled in postsecondary education or training, or
- some other employment

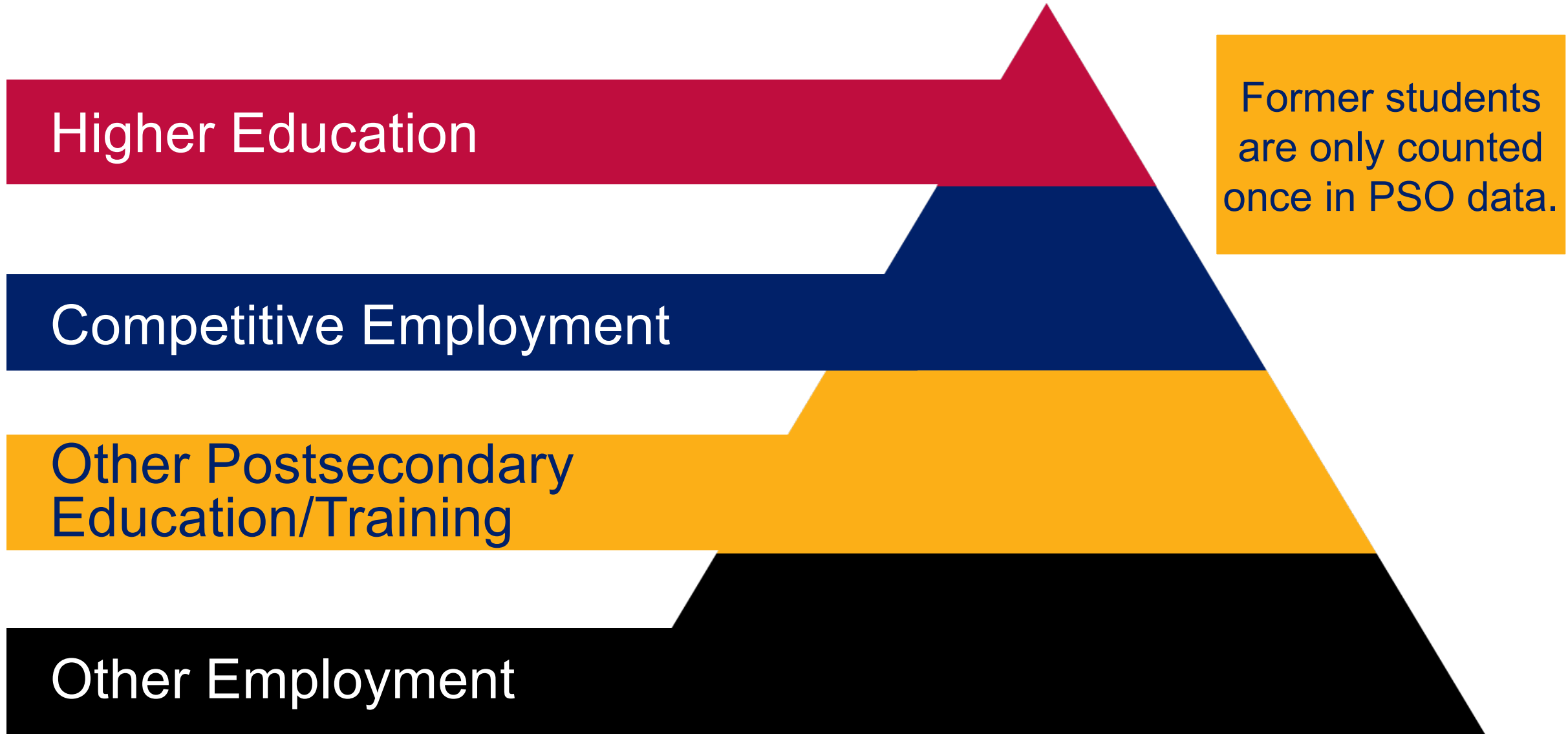
within **one year** of leaving high school.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B))

Categories of Engagement

Category of Engagement	Definition
Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolled full- or part-time• Community College (2-year program)• College/University (4- or more year program)• 1 complete term
Competitive Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average 20 hours a week• 90 days (cumulative) since leaving high school• Includes military employment• Worked for pay at or above the minimum wage while earning customary payrate• Setting with others who are non-disabled where interaction is at a level comparable to co-workers without disabilities who perform the same job description• Available benefits and opportunities for advancement as those without disabilities
Other Postsecondary Education or Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolled full- or part-time• Education or training program (e.g., adult education, a vocational-technical school that is less than a 2-year program)• 1 complete term
Other Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked for pay or been self-employed• 90 days at any time since leaving high school• Includes working in a family business (e.g., farm, store, fishing, ranching, catering services, etc.)

Hierarchy of Categories of Engagement



2021 PSO Season



Includes former students with IEPs who exited by graduating, dropping out, or aging out during the 2019–2020 school year.



Student Lists are available in the PSO application. Updates will be made periodically until June 1.



Opens at 12:00 a.m. on June 1, 2021.
Closes at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2021.

PSO Timeline: Pre-Season and Season Tasks

Now–May 31

- Review your student lists on the PSO Application
 - Update N/A exclusions
- Gather former student's contact information
- Make a plan for the survey collection and data entry
- Contact dropouts and offer engagement resources

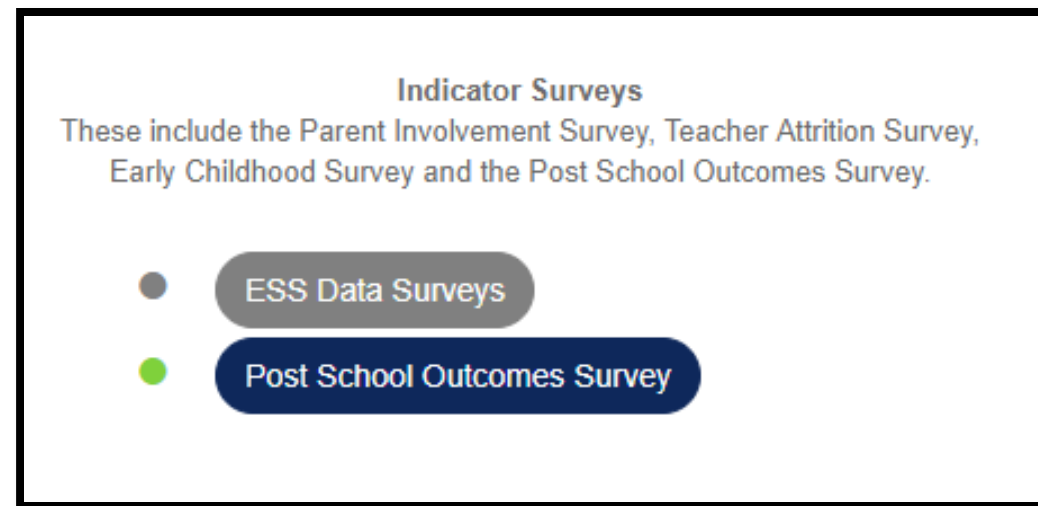
June 1–September 30

- Contact former students
 - Administer the PSO Survey and input responses
 - Document contact attempts

PSO Application

PSO App is in the ESS Portal of ADE Connect

- PSO Survey button will not be grayed out
- Red dot: Application is open, survey is closed
- Green dot: Application and survey are open



[Watch “Guide to Navigating the PSO Application” video](#)

PSO Application

Tips and Tricks:

- PSO Student List Dashboard
 - Red and Green indicators for completion status
 - Track participation and engagement rates
- Documenting exclusions
 - N/A: The survey will not be administered
 - Not Collected: The survey could not be completed
 - Record your contact attempts
- Reports you may want to pull during the season
 - Response Rate / Representativeness
 - Measurements

Checking In

What are some challenges you have experienced during PSO data collection?

Access to
the PSO
App

Contacting
former
students

Conducting
the survey

Getting
everything
done in time

Other

Respond
in the chat

Strategies to Overcome Challenges

Accessing the PSO Application

- Requests:
 - Made by your Entity Administrator
 - Require secondary approval from your Special Education Director or Superintendent
 - Expire in 7 days
- Keep these steps in mind so you can receive timely access



Strategies to Overcome Challenges

Contacting former students

- Try multiple types of contact methods (phone, email, mail, text, social media)
- Connect with family members, state agency representatives
- Find support within your school (e.g., ask the former student's favorite teacher to administer the survey, request an interpreter)
- Prepare students (e.g., during the final IEP meeting, use marketing materials to promote the survey, identify preferred contact method and time, schedule a call together)



Strategies to Overcome Challenges

Conducting the survey

- Have a conversation
 - Rephrase the questions
 - Use the opportunity as a check-in
- Prepare students (e.g., schedule a call, email the survey questions before the call)



Strategies to Overcome Challenges

Getting everything done in time

- Backward planning
- Set individual and/or campus goals
- Set a deadline earlier than September 30
- Track progress within the PSO Application



Breakout Rooms



Expectations:

- Group Norms
- 20 minutes
- Identify Roles (Facilitator and Notetaker)
- Use this Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/specialprojects/PSOstrategies>

Report Out



Notetakers will share what their groups discussed!

Resources to Support You

Where to Start:

- [ADE/ESS Secondary Transition PSO Page](#)
 - Recorded webinars and videos
- [PSO Padlet](#)

Key PSO Tools:

- Sample PSO Contact Form
- PSO Survey–Fillable PDF (English and Spanish)
- Companion Document (English and Spanish)
- Survey Marketing Materials

Checking In

Are you ready for the 2021 season?

I have questions...

Yes! Let's go!



Secondary Transition Team's Role

What can you expect from us this season?

- Listserv updates about the data collection
- Enhanced targeted outreach
- Technical assistance opportunities (PSO Hangouts)
- Collaboration with Program Support and Monitoring
- Celebration emails and website
- Post-Season PEA Staff Survey and Focus Group

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Next “Transition Tuesdays” Webinar Series topic:

- [Social-Emotional Learning in Transition Planning: April 6, 2021 from 2:30–4:00 p.m.](#)

Next “Transition Tuesdays” Office Hour:

- [April 20, 2021 from 2:30–3:30 p.m.](#)

PSO Hangouts (10:00–11:00 a.m.):

- May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 21 and 28

Other Options:

- [Training Request Form](#)
- [Best Practice Implementation Project](#)

Survey and PD Certificate

Thank you for joining us!



Please use this link to let us know your thoughts on today's webinar:



Survey link:

<http://bit.ly/3-2TransT>



Once you complete the survey you will get a link to download your professional development certificate.

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