

Area of Focus:

1. Age of Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities

Issue:

1. Currently, secondary transition planning for students with disabilities begins at age 16; however, this does not always leave sufficient time for effective planning or for revision to plans as a student approaches graduation from high school.

Proposal:

1. To change the age of secondary transition planning for students to 14.

Key Questions:

1. Is this allowable under IDEA?
2. Are there any concerns from the SPED community about this prospective change?
3. Are there concerns from LEAs about this prospective change?
4. What other states have made a similar change? What advice would they give?

Possible Solutions:

1. Rulemaking
 - a. The SBE can open rulemaking related to special education and add rules that change the age of transition planning for Arizona from 16 to 14.