



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SEAP Analysis Deliverable – to the Arizona State Board of Education
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Area of Focus: Age of Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities

Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) Proposal: To change the age of secondary transition planning for students to 14

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Action:

- The SEAP met on September 19, 2023, for the first scheduled meeting of the 2023 – 2024 school year and discussed the proposal submitted for consideration by the Arizona SBE in June 2023. The SEAP approved the creation of a subcommittee to review the Age of Transition Planning proposal by the SBE and research options to make a recommendation to the SEAP.
- The SEAP subcommittee met on November 9, 2023, and following a review of federal and state regulations, research regarding transition planning for students with disabilities, and national practices, developed a proposal statement for the SEAP.
- The SEAP met on November 28, 2023, and approved the subcommittee’s proposal regarding transition planning with minor changes related to the inclusion of a rationale for the proposal.

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Proposal:

The SEAP proposes that by completion of freshman year or age 16, whichever is first, secondary transition plans developed in conformity with the IDEA are included in a student’s IEP. Early transition planning in high school is best practice for students with disabilities and improves postsecondary outcomes. Specifying the requirement to be completed at the end of the 9th-grade year will prevent a backlog of IEP review and revision at the beginning of the 9th-grade year. Focusing on completing the requirement by the conclusion of freshman year or age 16, whichever is first, rather than age 14, will lessen the burden of training middle school staff.