

**Gogebic-Ontonagon
Intermediate School District**

**Plan for the Delivery of
Special Education Programs and Services**

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Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District

Plan Approval

Pursuant to Rule 340.1835(a) of the Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education, as amended, the following signatures of the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District Superintendent evidences the Intermediate School District Board of Education's approval of the Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.

Graydon E. Blank

Graydon Blank-Superintendent, Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD

Feb 8, 2005

Date

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**Local School Districts, Public School Academies
And
Parent Advisory Committee**

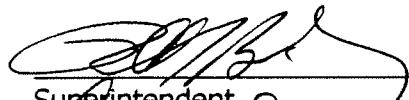
Plan Involvement Statement

Pursuant to Rules 340.1835(b) and 340.1835(c) of the Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education, as amended, the following signatures indicate the local school districts' and Parent Advisory Committee's involvement in the development of the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District's Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services.

The undersigned have been advised that they may file objections to the Plan in accordance with procedures addressed in Rule 340.1836.


PAC Chairperson

Date



Superintendent

E-TC 2/8/05
School District Date



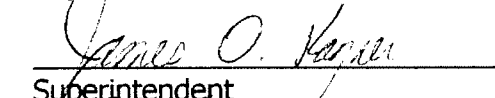
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White Pine 2/8/05
School District Date



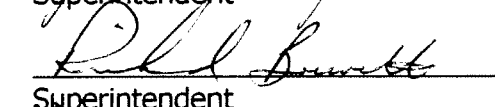
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Bessemer 2/8/05
School District Date



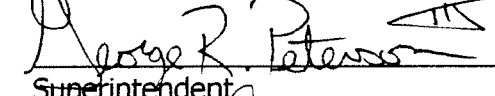
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Ironwood 2-8-05
School District Date



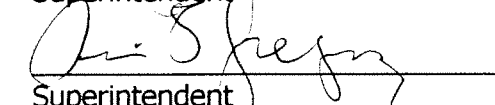
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Walsh-Munroe 2/8/05
School District Date



Superintendent

Watersmeet 2-8-05
School District Date



Superintendent

Ontonagon Area 2/8/5
School District Date

R 340.1832 – An Intermediate School District plan for special education, or any modification thereof, shall be an operational plan that sets forth the special education programs and related services to be delivered. The plan shall comply with 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 et seq. and these rules.

Content Areas

Special Education Opportunities and Procedures

The Parent Handbook of Special Programs and Services is utilized as a means for communicating a list of organizations, special education representatives, the IEPT process and information for resolving parent concerns. In addition, the handbook outlines for parents and the community the special education opportunities in the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD. Special education providers in each district distribute the handbook. GOISD personnel and the PAC review the handbook annually. It is updated as needed.

The following is a list of representatives who can be contacted for information regarding special education programs and services:

Representative	District	Address	Phone Number
Special Education Director	GOISD	PO Box 218 Bergland, MI 49910	(906) 575-3438
Special Education Supervisor	GOISD	PO Box 218 Bergland, MI 49910	(906) 575-3437
Early On Coordinator	GOISD	PO Box 218 Bergland, MI 49910	(906) 575-3437

Public Awareness

Procedures for Identifying Potential Special Education Populations: The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD assumes primary responsibility for Child Find activities and outreach for preschool children. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD’s Early On Program will be responsible for coordinating Child Find activities and outreach. All local school districts will assume responsibility for in-school youth up to the age of 18 through special education programs/services and through the special education referral process. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD will establish cooperative liaisons with other agencies and professionals who may be potential referral sources. Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD coordinates the Project Find campaign through the use of Michigan Project Find materials and resources.

Activities and Outreach Methods for Awareness of Services

The following is a list of activities and outreach methods in the identification of potential students requiring special education programs/services. The procedures for identifying potential school age students requiring special education programs/services may include review of existing school

records and interagency collaboration for referral of student dropouts, Michigan Project Find materials, Early On information, and special education information included in the parent handbook. The following agencies and organizations are involved in identifying and referring, for diagnostic services, persons from ages 0 – 25:

- Parents
- Local School Districts
- Western U.P. Health Department
- Family Independence Agency
- Community Mental Health
- Area healthcare agencies, hospitals, physicians
- Private daycare and preschools
- Early On
- Early Education Services/ Head Start

Types of Diagnostic Services

Local school districts and/or the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD may contract for or employ professionals to provide diagnostic services. The following list includes all diagnostic staff employed and contracted for by the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD. These professionals are involved in the evaluation process for special education eligibility in accordance with R 340.1721(a).

School Psychologist	School Social Worker	Physical Therapist
Speech Therapist	Occupational Therapist	Transition Coordinator
Autism Resource Team	Assistive Technology Coordinator	
Vision Consultant	Adaptive PE Consultant	

The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD contracts or purchases the following services and any other service deemed appropriate by the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team not presently employed or contracted with.

Audiologist	Otolaryngology's
Ophthalmologist	Consultant for the Hearing Impaired
Physician	Adaptive PE Consultant

Statement of assurance.

The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD assures that copies of contracts or service agreements per Section 380.1751(1)(b) of the School Code are on file at the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD and are available for review.

Basic Programs and Services

The following chart illustrates the continuum of programs and services provided by local districts and the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD.

School District	Program/Service
Bessemer Area School District	Elementary Resource Room Secondary Resource Room
Ewen-Trout Creek School District	Elementary Resource

	Secondary LD categorical Secondary MiCI categorical
Ironwood Area School District	Elementary SLD categorical Elementary MiCI categorical Secondary Departmentalized 1 EI 3 LD
Ontonagon Area School District	Elementary MiCI Elementary LD Elementary Resource Secondary LD
Wakefield-Marenisco School District	Elementary MiCI categorical Secondary LD categorical
Watersmeet	Elementary Resource Secondary LD categorical
White Pine	Elementary MiCI categorical
Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD	ECDD classrooms ECDD non-classroom MoCI classrooms

Alternative Programs Under Rule 340.1832(e)

All of the following current rules apply with the stated exceptions listed below.

Current Rule	Exceptions
340.1738	Summer programming will be available through the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD to all center-based students receiving special education programming/services based on student needs. The schedule will include 39 half-days of instruction beginning after the last day of the previous school year and will be completed before the first day of the upcoming school year.

Current Rule	Exceptions
340.1738 through 340.1758(b)	All classroom programs, within the GOISD will increase caseload numbers by three students to create more flexibility in planning and implementation of services per the IEP including all low incidence programs provided by the GOISD. The low incidence programs provided by the GOISD may exceed the age ranges, Ages five (5) through thirteen (13) for elementary programs and ages fourteen (14) through twenty-six (26) for secondary. This is due to the vast geographical area while maintaining appropriate programming for those students.

Programs/services for students with autism spectrum disorder, 1758(b) program, will meet the following criteria:

- In-service education for teachers of students with autism spectrum disorder including
- Syndrome of autism spectrum disorder, including its etiology
- Child Development (language, communication, cognition)
- Behavioral management techniques
- Systematic curriculum development (personal adjustment and pre-vocational).
- Home/school interactions
- Family and community support services

The GOISD Autism Resource Team will be available to local school district staff to assist in meeting the unique individual needs of the student. A contracted autism spectrum disorder certified consultant would be available to the Autism Resource Team.

Ancillary and related service providers who are responsible for the delivery of services to students with autism spectrum disorder will receive in-service education relating to the service they provide.

The IEPT will describe its consideration of the ability of the student with autism spectrum disorder to function in a program when considering class size and student/staff ratio.

Separate Facilities

There are no separate facilities within the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District that house programs for children with disabilities. A modification to this plan will address separate facilities if the need arises.

Progress Reports for Homebound and Hospitalized Students

Annual goal progress reports for students receiving homebound/hospitalized services will be issued to parents as frequently as non-disabled students. Additional reporting will be completed per the IEP and will be the responsibility of the local education agency.

Local districts and public school academies administrators responsible for the implementation of special education programs and services.

Representative	District	Address	Phone Number
Superintendent	Bessemer	301 Sellar Street Bessemer, MI 49911	(906) 667-0802
Superintendent	Ewen-Trout Creek	144 Airport Road Ewen, MI 49925	(906) 988-2350
Superintendent	Ironwood	650 Ayer Street Ironwood, MI 49938	(906) 932-0200
Superintendent	Ontonagon	301 Greenland Road Ontonagon, MI 49953	(906) 884-4963
Superintendent	Wakefield-Marenisco	715 Putnam Wakefield, MI 49968	(906) 224-9421
Superintendent	Watersmeet	PO Box 217 Watersmeet, MI 49969	(906) 358-4555
Superintendent	White Pine	10 Cedar Street	(906) 885-5351
Director of Special Education	GOISD	PO Box 218 Bergland, MI 49910	(906) 575-3438

Paraprofessional Personnel

Qualifications for paraprofessional personnel specifically follow 340.1793 of the Revised Administrative Rules for Special Education and all state and federal requirements. In addition, the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD and local school districts require paraprofessionals to possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Transportation

The Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District will contract all transportation to center-based programs including special transportation as determined by the Individualized Education Plan. Transportation procedures are monitored on a continual basis by the GOISD supervisor of transportation. Transportation for all special education students involved in transition placements from local educational agencies will be provided by the GOISD.

Distribution of Funds

Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD funding of programs and services is as follows:

All programs and services provided by the GOISD will be fully reimbursed. After the GOISD audit, if a fund balance exists, local school districts will be reimbursed using the added cost formula. If the GOISD is unable to fully fund programs and services, monies needed to support these programs will be generated from each local constituent district using the same added cost formula. Local education agency superintendents will meet by March in order to review the budget prior to bill-back implementation.

Other provisions Provision for funding of ISD and/or local district complaints will include costs for the investigation only. Local education agency legal fees, costs of compensatory education and/or other corrective actions required will not be reimbursed. All local districts due process hearing costs will not be reimbursed. However, if after an LEA has followed appropriate notification procedure regarding a required ancillary service and the GOISD fails to provide that service, the GOISD shall cover any hearing costs related to that service.

Parent Advisory Committee

The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD Board of Education will appoint the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members. Appointments will be made from nominations from local district boards of education. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD staff assigned to work with the committee will advise local school district superintendents of PAC vacancies from their respective districts as they occur. When a vacancy or extended absence occurs, the respective local district and/or the Intermediate School District have the option of nominating/appointing a parent(s) of a child with disabilities to complete the term. The PAC will be comprised of one voting member per constituent district. The term of appointment to the PAC will be three years with a re-appointment provision.

Role and Responsibility of the Parent Advisory Committee

Plan Development. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD Plan for the Delivery of Special Education and all amendments to such shall be developed in cooperation with the PAC. It shall be the responsibility of the Coordinator for Planning/Monitoring to assure that PAC members are provided with copies of the current GOISD Plan, subsequent and proposed amendments, and deviation requests.

Upon request, the Coordinator for Planning/Monitoring will review the GOISD Plan with the PAC. At subsequent meetings, the PAC will review any changes in the plan and/or areas of concern from the PAC membership.

The Coordinator of Planning/Monitoring will develop a draft of the GOISD Plan to be presented to the PAC for review. An attempt will be made to reconcile any differences that may exist. If these differences cannot be reconciled, the Coordinator of Planning/Monitoring will advise the PAC Chairperson of the objection process as defined by Rule 340.1836; see voting procedures.

Prior to the submission date, a PAC Officer shall be asked to sign the GOISD Plan endorsement page indicating that the PAC has been involved in the development of the GOISD Plan.

Voting Procedures. Voting eligibility for committee business is governed by the following guidelines: Voting is limited to one PAC member from each local constituent district. A simple majority vote of the eligible members present shall be required.

Additional PAC Rules and Responsibilities. The PAC will have a role in program evaluation through participation in the following: The Coordinator for Planning/Monitoring will coordinate the annual parent survey, which is a part of the monitoring report, and brief the PAC regarding the results of the survey.

The Coordinator for Planning/Monitoring will review monitoring criteria and timelines for monitoring with the PAC. The PAC Chairperson will receive copies of the monitoring report without identifiers on an annual basis upon request.

The PAC Chairperson will receive copies of all deviation requests from local school districts and the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District as required in Rule 340.1734.

Administrative Relationship with the Parent Advisory Committee

The Coordinator for Planning/Monitoring shall act as advisor to the PAC. The goal of this effort is to have an active and informed PAC that will work cooperatively with administrative personnel in ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of special education programs and services within the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD.

Fiscal and Staff Resources available to the Parent Advisory Committee

Fiscal Resources. Fiscal resources available to the PAC shall be outlined in the annual Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD Special Education budget. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD will provide the following items in support of the PAC within the budgetary constraints set forth in the annual GOISD special education budget.

- Postage for notices and other committee meetings
- Reimbursement for phone calls
- Reproduction of appropriate documents
- Local and regional in-service opportunities
- Information Materials
- Mileage

Staff Resources. The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD shall make available staff resources for the purpose of making the PAC an efficient and effective operational unit. The Coordinator of Planning/Monitoring shall be responsible for assuring that reasonable secretarial support is available to the PAC for committee business.

Additional Plan Content

Surrogate Parent Plan

The Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District follows the Michigan Department of Education Surrogate Parent Policy.

In order to maintain a pool of surrogate parents, the local district administrator may contact the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District, who will request assistance from the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for securing an appropriate parent representative. Training is annually offered to agencies for potential surrogate parents regarding the law, the special education process, and availability of resources, programs, and services.

Authorization to Act as Superintendent's Designee

Superintendents of constituent local districts in the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD may authorize GOISD personnel to act as their designee for each Individualized Education Program Team meeting that involve students within their district that receive GOISD programming and services without local district programming and services.

It is understood that the superintendent of the constituent school districts of the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD may revoke this authorization at any time.

Summary of R340.1832(e) Changes

Extended School Year Services 39 half-days

*Increase of 3 students on caseloads for all programs

Low incidence programs – exceed age ranges
(5 – 13)
(14 – 26)

*The increase of 3 students on program caseloads were previously submitted as waivers:

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