

Superintendent’s District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Low-Incidence Exceptionalities Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2021

Members Present:

Natalie Tappert	
Kathleen Vergara	
Mara Kunitz	

Welcome and introductions

- Members introduced themselves to the group.
- Discussion of 2021-2022 Goals:

Goal 1: Review data regarding low incidence student populations to consider student’s eligibility.

Discussion of data for low-incidence exceptionalities, inclusive of findings for Dual Sensory students.

Goal 2: Evaluate professional development needs for teachers in relations to instructional strategies for use with students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.

There is a proposal for a professional development to address Educational Interpreters being proposed. TVI’s currently access best practices professional development through the Florida Instructional Materials Center. Continued discussion for needs for DHH teachers needed.

Goal 3: Monitor the development of transition resources for students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.

Discussion regarding the creation of checklist to assist M-teams with articulating and transitioning DHH students that began with last year’s committee. Targeted areas of needs during articulation and transition meeting for students with VI, including updated medical documentation, outside agencies, timely order for curriculum materials, and formulation of plan in new setting for utilizing equipment and technology.

- Establish benchmarks and timelines:

Committee agreed to look into the three students that are identified as DHH and VI, but not Dual Sensory, and have draft checklists for students articulating or transitioning that have VI, DHH or DS by the next committee meeting.