



Special Education Plan Requirements – Identification of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities using Response to Intervention

The Bureau of Special Education has revised the application process for utilizing Response to Intervention (RTI) to identify students with a Specific Learning Disability (SLD). **Initial applications for school districts and charter schools may be submitted on an on-going basis. There is no deadline for submission.**

The revised process requires school districts and charter schools to submit the [BSE Approved RTI/SLD Fidelity Tool](#) as the application to PDE. The [BSE Approved RTI/SLD Fidelity Tool](#) will be used school-wide or for building levels (e.g., elementary, middle, and/or high school). Additional information and the [BSE Approved RTI/SLD Fidelity Tool](#) are available on the PaTTAN website.

School districts and charter schools must partner with their local intermediate unit and/or respective PaTTAN Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) lead consultant to conduct a comprehensive review using the [BSE Approved RTI/SLD Fidelity Tool](#) and to receive assistance with the process.

Please contact PaTTAN MTSS designees below for support:

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Upon review of all documentation, the Bureau of Special Education will issue a letter indicating the application is approved, disapproved, or requires revision.

For school districts and charter schools currently approved to implement RTI for SLD Determination, please continue to use the [BSE Approved RTI/SLD Fidelity Tool](#) for internal assessment and improvement.

Additionally, school districts and charter schools are required to outline use of RTI for SLD Determination as part of the required submission for the **district comprehensive special education plan and charter school annual report assurances within the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal.**

Questions related to this message may be directed to Shannon Eye, Special Education Adviser, at 717-829-5113 or sheye@pa.gov.



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