

**Agreement to Participate:
IDEA student under 18 years of age**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

All states are required to collect information on what transition-age, special education students are doing one year after leaving school. Each district does this by contacting students one year after leaving school to ask questions about their school and work experiences. These interviews are called the Post School Outcomes (PSO) collection.

Typically, a person familiar with your student from the school will call sometime between June and September the year after they leave school to speak with you or the former student about what they have been doing since leaving school.

The purpose of this letter is to request permission to conduct a pre-exit interview with your son or daughter before they leave school. This interview lets the student/family share their goals for their future, how they hope to transition to additional schooling and employment, and how the school has prepared them for their future. If your student has not yet turned 18, your signed permission is required before this pre-exit interview can be conducted.

The information from the pre-exit interview will also assist with the follow up interview that occurs a year after your student leaves school.

- During the pre-exit interview, you or your student may be asked to provide names and contact information such as close relatives or friends that could help locate the student the following year for the follow up interview.
- The student may be asked to provide an address where a reminder postcard (with the above logo) can be sent prior to the follow up interview to help schedule a convenient time for the interview.
- Interviews can also be conducted with family members who are familiar with the student's activities since leaving school.

The information gathered on these interviews is submitted to the state in a confidential and secure system. The district is provided with a summary report that can be used to improve transition services offered by the district to future students. Therefore, it is important that former students participate in this opportunity to share how the district has helped them prepare for adult life. Remember that the school district is required to attempt to complete the follow up interview with all former students one year after the student leaves school.

Please check the appropriate box below, and return this form to the school.

- Yes, my student may take part in the pre-exit interview
- No, I do not wish my student to participate in the pre-exit interview

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number

Student Name (Printed)

Alternate Phone Number

If you have any questions please contact:

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