

On Wednesday, October 11th the MCCPTA Special Ed. Committee had Gwen Mason, Dr. Carey Wright and Vickie Strange from the Office of Special Education come to a presentation to our PTA Chairs regarding the new Statewide IEP change. Our committee wanted to pass along to the board a copy of the notes from the presentation, so all MCCPTA committees would be abreast of the upcoming changes. Any questions, feel free to address your concerns to anyone on our executive committee.

Thank you, Jennifer Zaranis, MCCPTA Special Ed. Committee Co-Chair

MCPS will be using a new statewide IEP. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has created a common paper version of a Maryland IEP form. All Maryland schools providing Special Education services must use the new State IEP. If student moves from county to county, the form will remain the same, so teachers and support staff can review with no conflicts or problems.

Encore is a web-based informational tool. Will use mandatory State IEP. Focus on ALL Student Interventions (IEP, Early Intervention Data, 504 Data, Medical Assistance Data)

Software developed by Spectrum School Solutions

### **Why Encore?**

Opportunity to coordinate all student intervention information. Interface with other MCPS processes to provide a single source for information. (EMT, CAP, SRS, other interventions) Eliminate current separate databases (SEDS, Accommodations, Medical Assistance)

### **Access to Encore**

Web-based program (MCPS and home computers) Required Software (Internet Explorer & Adobe Reader) Data encrypted & system access only by password. All permissions set by Special Education Encore team for access to students

### **Transition**

Transition to State IEP and Encore will proceed in phases **Phase 1**-State IEP Form in Adobe Acrobat. Staff will use new form. Schools have been provided laptops and LCD projectors to use during IEP meetings. **Phase 2**-State IEP in Encore web tool. Staff will use new web tool

### **2 Year Plan**

Date	IEP Form used in meetings
July-Dec 06"	MCPS IEP
Jan-Dec 07"	State IEP in Acrobat
Jan 08"	State IEP in Encore

### **The Big Picture**

Changes in State IEP-The Pages look different, but the process is very much the same. Transition toward year-round IEPs. More reliance on teacher observation and classroom performance. All K-12 students should have Reading, Written Language, Oral Language and Math present levels of Academic Performance

**Parent Training**

Materials-Montgomery County/State IEP. Parent's Guide to IEP Meetings.