

Q: Will an email be sent to all sped parents attaching this document, or are parents expected to find it on their own on the website?

A: The [Accommodations and Accessibility Guidance Document](#) is part of district wide communication. It will be shared through social media outlets, EEFAC Correspondence, MNPS.org and any other communication mode that MNPS determines will better assist with parents receiving the information they need. In addition, all schools have received the guidance and are expected to communicate with parents weekly.

Q: Dr. Battle's email from last week indicated that she's asked teachers to be in touch with their students at least one time per week. Does that apply to sped teachers as well as gen ed?

A: Yes, the expectation is for all teachers to communicate and reach out to parents and students.

Q: Are teachers able to send student-specific information/guidance/assistance to parents, or are they simply parents to the Accessibility document?

A: The district has provided the resources that must be available to all students. Teachers are expected to reach out to families at least one time per week to answer questions, provide guidance, suggestions and any resources available.

Q: Does the district anticipate being able to provide any teletherapy through this time? I understand that many school districts are doing this with great success.

A: At this time, MNPS is not providing teletherapy; we will continue to research the best equitable resources and options to meet the needs of our students.

Q: Barring the above (teletherapy), can related services providers share student-specific info regarding goals and strategies with parents?

A: Yes, MNPS professionals are focused on supporting parents and families. If parents would like additional guidance on strategies related to their child's goals beyond the support offered at the school level, we ask that they email us at EEQuestions@mnps.org so we can assure the best avenue for additional guidance.

Q: Once the district is up and running with the IEP meeting technology, can parents request IEP meetings, or will the district only be conducting annual IEP meetings?

A: Yes, parents always have the right to request an IEP meeting

Thank you for your questions, we appreciate the collaboration. We remain available for additional questions and guidance.

Best,
The Department of Exceptional Education
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