



# Exceptional Student Services

## Memorandum

**To:** Public Education Agency Special Education Administrators  
**From:** Special Projects Unit  
**Date:** July 13, 2023  
**Re:** Clarification on Federal Data Collections and Parental Permission for Surveys (A.R.S. § 15-117)

The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS) is required to collect data to ensure the systemic implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in Arizona. Two mandatory data collections include outcomes for transition-aged students with disabilities who have exited special education and parent involvement for students receiving special education services enrolled in public education agencies (PEAs). To meet the expectations of the secondary transition outcomes collection, ESS asks PEAs to collect data one year after students exit from high school using the Post School Outcomes (PSO) survey. The parent involvement data collection is obtained through the Parent Involvement Survey tool, administered annually by PEAs to parents of students with disabilities in their schools.

This memo clarifies that for federally required data collections, the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 15-117 provisions, which outline that informed consent to parents is necessary to administer a survey, do not apply. A.R.S. § 15-117(D) explicitly excludes parent consent as required when it is related to the "...programming for children with disabilities." The PSO and Parent Surveys collected by ADE/ESS are federal requirements outlined under the IDEA. Informed consent is not required for these two collections, and PEAs must administer the surveys to remain compliant with the data submission guidelines contained within the IDEA.

If you have questions regarding the PSO Survey, please [email the PSO Inbox](#).

If you have questions regarding the Parent Involvement Survey, please [email the Parent Survey Inbox](#).