GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

Mission Statement
Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals

- 1. Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum.
- 2. Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction.
- 3. Embrace Excellent Learning Environment.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. BoE Regular Business
 - a. Approval of the C.O.W. meeting minutes of December 9, 2019 (Attachment #1)
- 3. Budget Worksession: Review of Regular Instruction
- 4. Suggested Future Topics
- 5. Adjournment

NEXT C.O.W. MEETING: February 10, 2020

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS GROTON, CONNECTICUT

(*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

Committee of the Whole

December 9, 2019

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on December 9, 2019 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

Mrs. Jane Giulini

Mrs. Rosemary Robertson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Chairperson, at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENT ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson

Dr. Andrea Ackerman

Mrs. Gretchen Newsome (Unofficial member)

Mrs. Elizabeth Porter

Mrs. Rita Volkmann

Mrs. Lee White

Mr. Jay Weitlauf

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Miss Addie Clark, Student Representative

1. Approval of the COW meeting minutes of November 18, 2019

MOTION: White, Volkmann: To approve the COW meeting minutes of November 18, 2019.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

2. Update re: Groton Middle School Schedule [ATTACHMENT #1]

The Groton Middle School Schedule committee members, Mr. Peter Bass, Mr. Jeff Kotecki, Mrs. Laura Irace, Mrs. Kathy Mazzarella, and Mr. Ben Strouse were in attendance to present the proposed Groton Middle School schedule. Mr. Strouse gave an in-depth review of the different aspects of the proposed schedule.

It was the consensus of the Board for the committee to go forward with filling in the schedule with actual students.

3. Update re: Elementary School Themes Development

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the proposed survey to be sent to teachers and parents. The survey will include the themes of CK and NEA. Administrators will also be able to complete the survey.

Committee of the Whole December 9, 2019 Page 2

4. SBAC and SAT data by sub groups (ATTACHMENTS #2, 3)

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the SBAC and SAT data by sub groups.

Mrs. Doolittle gave an overview of the federal target of 1% of students with disabilities participation on the Connecticut Alternative Assessment.

5. Update re: Athletic event entry fees

Dr. Graner noted that New London charges \$2.00 for students and Norwich charges \$3.00 for students.

This item was referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

6. Suggested Future Topics

Mr. Weitlauf requested a review of the calendar re: where the construction is going.

Mr. Weitlauf requested a report on the Callenberg demographics.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf:

To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

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Teaching Staff Outline with Proposed Schedule

Language Arts	6	Each Grade would be comprised of:	
Math	6	- THREE - 4 teacher teams (LA, Math, SS, Sci)	
Social Studies	6	- ONE - 2 Teacher Team (LA/SS, M/SCI)	
Science	6		
LA/SS	m	PE 5	
M/SCI	3	STEM 2	
Resource	11	COMPUTERS 2	9
Non-Resource SPED	4	MUSIC 5	

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WORLD LANGUAGE	2	Health	2	

SBAC & SAT Sub Group Report

Groton Board of Education

Monday, December 9, 2019

Achievement Level		Descriptors for ELA and Math
Level 4	Exceeds the Achievement Standard	The student has exceeded the achievement standard for ELA or Math
Level 3	Meets The Achievement Standard	The student has met the achievement standard for ELA or Math
Level 2	Approaching the Achievement Standard	The student has nearly met the achievement standard for ELA or Math
Level 1	Does Not Meet the Achievement Standard	The student has not yet met the achievement standard.

Math

ELA

State

Terminology

SWD

(Students with disabilities)

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(English Learners)

High Needs

(EL, SWD, Free and Reduced lunch status)

DRG

(District Reference Group)

Alliance Districts

(33 districts in CT in need of improvement)

Growth Rate

(The expected student achievement target)

Average of the Percentage of Achieved Growth

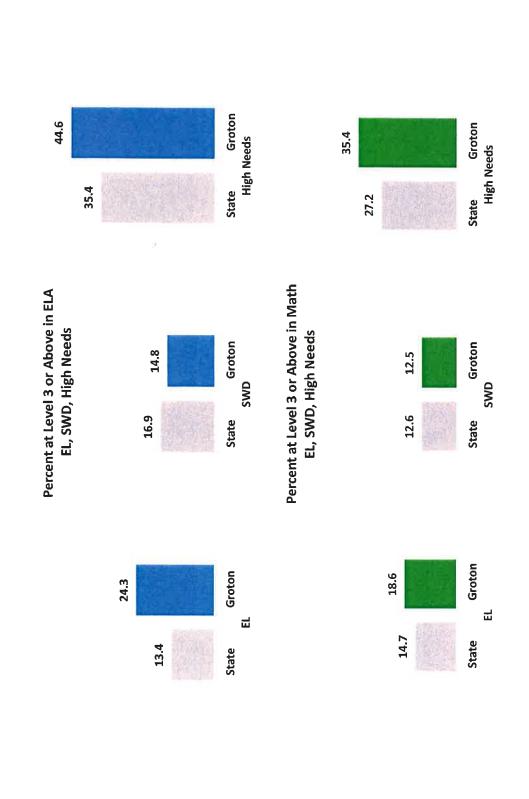
(The average of all students' percentage of growth)

Race & Ethnicity Definitions

- Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- Means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- Means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan.
- Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- Means a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- Hispanic or Latino
- o Means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central America, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- o Means a person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- o Means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)
- Means all persons who identify with more than one of the above five races

EL, SWD, and High Needs Percent at Level 3 or Above

Combined Grades (3 thru 8)



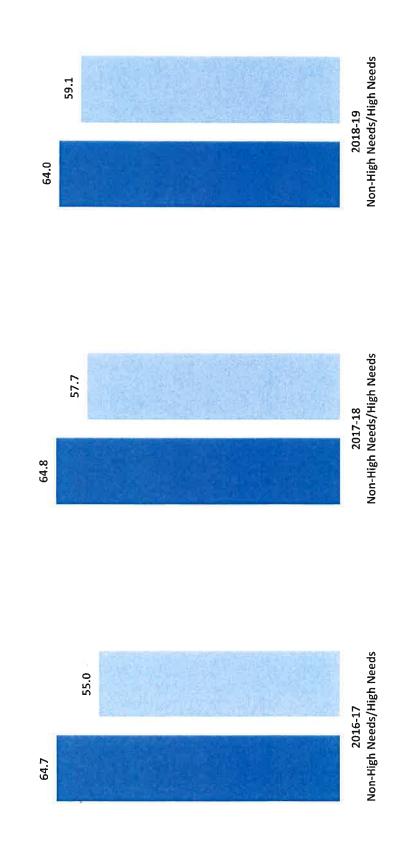
Three-Year Trend

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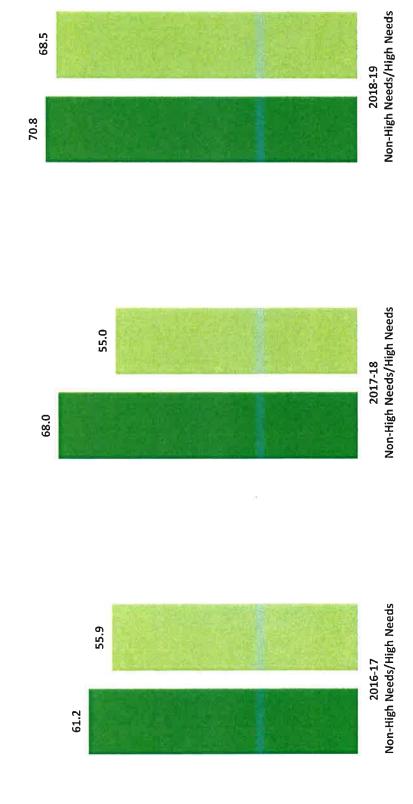
Non-High Needs & High Needs

Combined Grades (3 thru 8)

ELA Average Percentage of Target Achieved Non-High Needs & High Needs



MATH Average Percentage of Target Achieved Non-High Needs & High Needs



Three-Year Trend

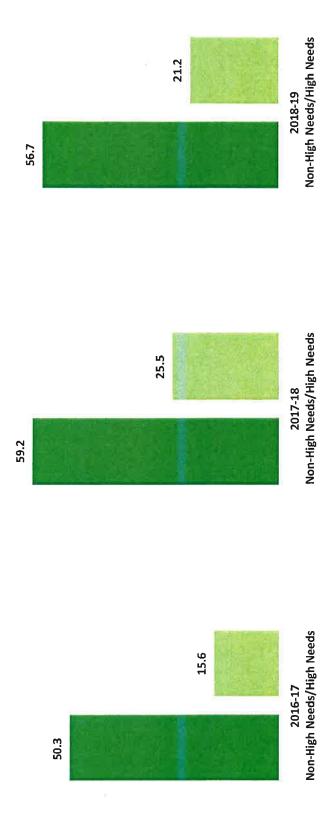
SAT Percent at Level 3 or Above

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Non-High Needs & High Needs

2018-19 Non-High Needs/High Needs 80.0 SAT Percent at Level 3 or Above in ELA 2017-18 Non-High Needs/High Needs 44.1 76.1 2016-17 Non-High Needs/High Needs 33.9 81.2

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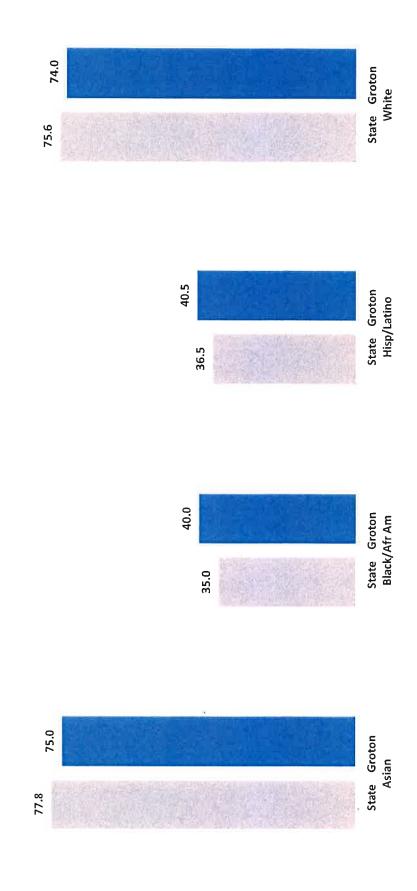


SAT

Percent at Level 3 or Above

Race & Ethnicity

2018-19 SAT Percent at Level 3 or Above In ELA Race/Ethnicity



2018-19 SAT Percent at Level 3 or Above in Math Race /Ethnicity



Average Percentage of Target Achieved

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EL, SWD, and High Needs

Combined Grades (3 thru 8)

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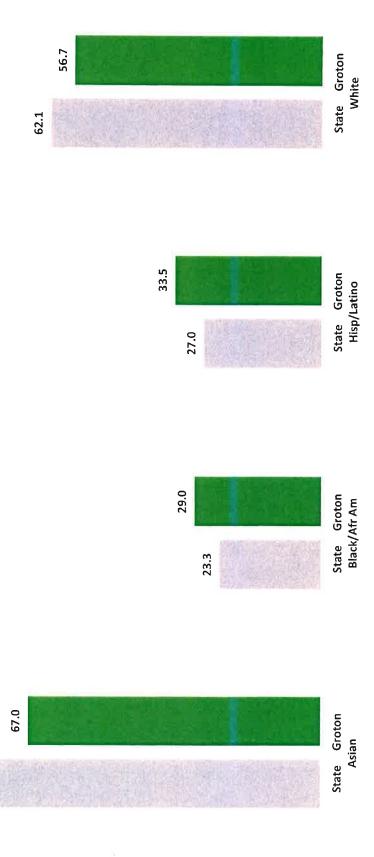
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Percent at Level 3 or Above

Combined Grades (3 thru 8)

Percent at Level 3 or Above in ELA

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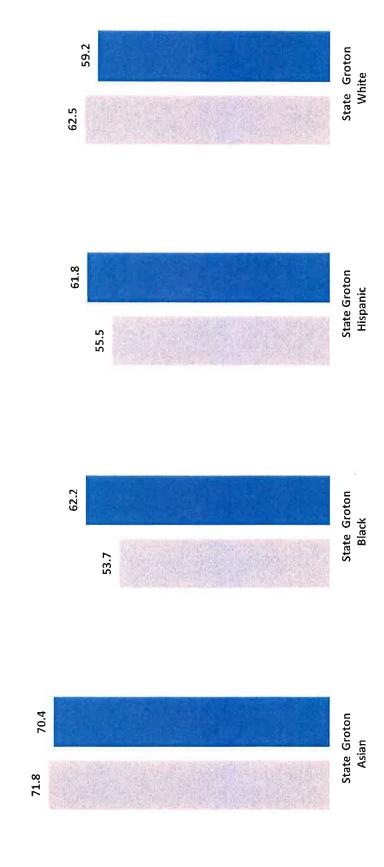
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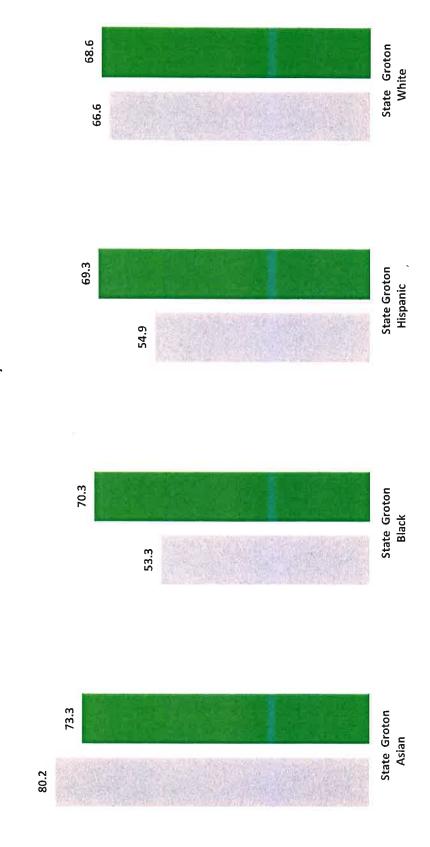
Race & Ethnicity

Combined Grades (3 thru 8)

Average Percentage of Target Achieved in ELA Race & Ethnicity



Average Percentage of Target Achieved in Math Race & Ethnicity



Denise Doolittle

From:

SEASON NO.

Moriarty, James < James. Moriarty@ct.gov>

Sent:

Monday, September 30, 2019 10:23 AM

To:

Denise Doolittle

Subject:

Alternate Assessment Eligibility

Attachments:

IEP Review Rubric.docx; Guidance on the completion of the IEP FILE REVIEW

RUBRIC.docx

This email serves as follow-up to the August 19, 2019 Memo from Bryan Klimkiewicz, Special Education Division Director regarding the

District's Annual Performance Report and its associated determination. As was indicated in that memo, the District's percentage of

students taking an alternate assessment did not factor into that determination, but action on the part of the District is required based

on the District's alternate assessment percentage.

Districts with an alternate assessment eligibility percentage between 1.50% - 1.99%

(BSE Level of engagement: TARGETED)

are required to conduct a review of ten* IEPs/files of students deemed eligible for the 2019 assessment. In identifying the files to be reviewed, begin with students whose IDEA eligibility categories are: Specific Learning

Disability, SLD/Dyslexia, Speech Language Impairment, Other Health Impairment, or Emotional Disturbance. The BSE's IEP File Review Rubric has been provided as a tool to conduct your review, should you choose to use it.

Upon completion of the review:

- 1. Provide to the BSE the SASIDs of those for whom evidence exists that suggests appropriate eligibility;
- 2. Provide to the BSE the SASIDs of those for whom a lack of evidence suggests that eligibility requires further review; and `
- 3. Provide to the BSE a brief description of professional learning needs identified as a result of the review.

The District has until October 25, 2019 to complete its review and forward all required information to Jim Moriarty, Education Consultant @ james.moriarty@ct.gov, 860-713-6946.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this important work.

^{*}For districts with fewer than ten students determined as eligible, a review of all students must be conducted.



Jim Moriarty
Education Consultant
Connecticut State Department of Education
Academic Office
Bureau of Special Education
860-713-6946

Guidance on the completion of the IEP FILE REVIEW RUBRIC ***

The review should be completed using the IEP (or amendment) that determined the Student's assessment status for the Spring 2019 administration.

With regard to:

Intellectual/Cognitive: Y N If so, FSIQ:

Evidence of an assessment of adaptive behavior Y N

Answer those questions and provide the requested data point BASED ON WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE IEP. If that information is available elsewhere in the student's file, include it under the "Comments" on the bottom of page 2.

With regard to:

list assessment(s), score(s), benchmark(s)

The term "benchmarks" is intended to mean either: in reference to age/grade level expectations or as a "descriptor" of the Student's level of performance. Examples:

Student is reading at a Level B / DRA: 3 (end of 2nd grade benchmark: Level M / DRA: 28)

Woodcock Johnson IV Broad Reading SS: 72 (very limited range)

KABC-2 Nonverbal Index: 76 (below average)

STAR Assessment SS: 425 (4th %ile)

"Narrative" does not require the copying of all narrative text, but rather the paraphrasing of key phrases that would either serve to substantiate the student's eligibility:

Examples: Student speaks in two to five word utterances.

(Eighth grade) Student is working on answering W questions.

or potentially refute the student's eligibility.

Examples: Student is reading one to two years below grade level.

Student demonstrates independence in all settings.

With regard to:

Adaptive / functional / ADL:

Include any information that would substantiate or refute the student's eligibility

With regard to:

Assistive Technology

Particularly with this population of students, "access to a computer/laptop" would not constitute "assistive technology."



2018-2019 IEP File Review Rubric Alternate Assessment (CTAA) Reviewed by: Assessment Option selected – Alternate (IEP p 9) LCI is marked as complete (IEP p 9) N Student SASID: Primary Disability: _____ EL: N Criteria: The student has a significant cognitive disability. Descriptor: Review of student records indicates a disability or multiple disabilities that significantly impact intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior. PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE (p. 4-5 of the IEP) For Language Arts, Mathematics, and Communication provide specific evidence such as intellectual performance scores on psycho-educational evaluation and speech/language, language communication plan etc. IDEA Citations: 34 CFR § 300.320(a)(1); 300.320(a)(1)(i-ii); 300.300.324(a)(1)(i-ii); 300.320(a)(2)(A-B) Academic Achievement / Functional Performance Intellectual/Cognitive: Y N If so, FSIQ: Evidence of an assessment of adaptive behavior Y In the appropriate column, list assessment(s), score(s), benchmark(s) (if included) Standardized District/State Classroom Language Arts: measure / score / benchmark Narrative: Standardized District/State Classroom Mathematics: measure / score / benchmark Narrative: Standardized District/State Classroom Communication: measure / score / benchmark Narrative: Adaptive / functional / ADL:

Goals/objectives exist in the following areas

Language Arts	YN
Mathematics	YN
Communication	Ϋ́N
Adaptive Behavior	YN
Functional Academics	YN

Criteria:

The student requires extensive, direct, individualized instruction and substantial supports to achieve

measureable gains in the grade- and age- appropriate curricula.

Descriptor:

The student (a) requires extensive, repeated, individualized instruction and support that is not of a temporary or transient nature and (b) uses substantially adapted materials and individualized methods of accessing information in alternative ways to acquire, maintain, generalize, demonstrate and transfer skills across

multiple settings.

IDEA Citations: 34 CFR § 300.320(4 & 6); 300.105-106; 300.324(a)(2)(v); 300.324(a)(2)(iv); and Connecticut PA 12-173

Accommodations/modifications noted on IEP p. 8 Circle all that apply.

modified materials	modified tests	modified grading
audio books	text-to-speech	speech- to-text
oral testing	repeat/restate/clarify/simplify directions	scribe

Other:

Assistive Technology identified on p. 8 Y	N Assistive Technology requir	red (p 11) Y N		
Service Hours (p. 11) Special Education	hrs sm group	indiv combination of both		
Related Services	hrs TWNDP	3 		
The preponderance of evidence indicates:	Strong/Sufficient	Weak/No Evidence		
for this student's participation in the CT Alternate Assessment System.				
Comments:				



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CTAA IEP File Review

October 17, 2019 Professional Learning Needs Agenda November 19 Department Meeting

- 1. A student with a <u>Primary Disability</u> of ED, LD, LD/Dyslexia would have had an intellectual disability ruled out on the eligibility form.
 - a. A Primary Disability of ID, Autism, or Multiple Disabilities would be more appropriate for consideration for CTAA/CTAS.
- 2. <u>Goals and Objectives</u> for Adaptive Behavior are required to be included in the IEP for students who have a primary disability of ID, Autism, or Multiple Disabilities. Adaptive Behavior includes:
 - a. Communication
 - b. Daily Living
 - c. Socialization
 - d. Motor Skills
- 3. <u>Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance</u>, IEP pages 4 & 5 must include:
 - a. Intellectual/Cognitive Scores
 - b. Adaptive Behavior Scores
 - c. DATA including:
 - Standardized & District & State & Classroom Assessment Measures specified
 - ii. the score, including previous CTAA scores
 - iii. the benchmark- specifically the grade/age level expectations for the peer group or a descriptor such as the percentile

- 4. <u>GPS Fountas & Pinnell Reading Benchmarks</u> for Grades K-5- Instructional Level for the end of each month.
 - a. Teachers should reference these benchmarks for reading whenever a student is reading below grade level.

5. Service Delivery Grid, IEP page 11

a. What would the hours of special education and/or related services look like in order to provide the student with extensive, repeated, individualized instruction and support and to substantially adapt materials and develop individualized methods for the student to access information in alternative ways?

6. Time with NonDisabled Peer Hours, IEP page 11

- a. What would the TWNDP hours be for a student taking the CTAA/CTAS?
- b. If the TWNDP hours are close to 80% or higher, consider the student for SBAC.

7. Program Accommodations and Modifications, IEP page 8

- a. What Assistive Technology accommodations and modifications are required to support the student? In what settings?
- b. What is considered AT when all students have access to a laptop/Chromebook?