

CPSE to CSE Transition

Similarities

What are the similarities between CPSE & CSE?

Parents may make a referral to the CSE & CPSE if they believe it is warranted.

Parents are actively involved in the process and the development of the child's plan.

Evaluations are required to address need areas and to demonstrate the need for any formalized specialized instruction.

Both committees stress the importance of serving children in the least restrictive environment.

IEPS under CPSE and CSE are reviewed annually.

Preschool & school age services follow a 10 month school calendar.

Meetings occur remotely via google meet.

Differences

What are some new things to expect after transitioning to the CSE?

Jessica Skillings chairs the vast majority of CPSE meetings. There are multiple school psychologists who will chair your child's CSE meeting.

For CPSE, all students are termed 'preschoolers with a disability.'
For CSE, students must meet one of the 13 classification categories in order to be eligible for an IEP.

At the CSE level, extended school year programming is reserved for students with the most critical skill deficits.

Preschool and kindergarten expectations differ significantly. Thus, the CSE may need to consider a more or less restrictive setting based on several variables.

While CPSE meetings require few members; a full CSE meeting requires a chairperson, school psychologist, regular education teacher, special education teacher, parent and all relevant related service providers.

The CSE is obligated to consider Response to Intervention for all students presenting with a new need area. Each elementary building has a multi-tiered system of support team that will be tasked with responding to new student challenges.