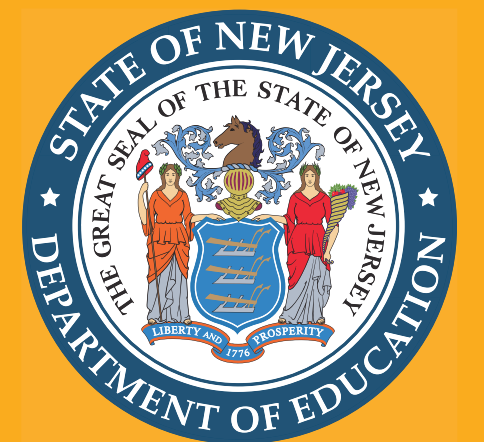




Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes

Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Updates 2026



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A child is found eligible and enters early childhood special education or exits early childhood special education.

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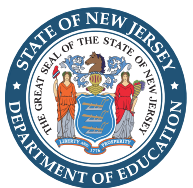
The COS team synthesizes data related to the three outcomes across all settings and situations. The team uses age anchoring to determine a rating of 1-7 for each of the three outcomes during the first or last 30 days of starting or ending services. The progress question for all outcomes is also completed at exit.

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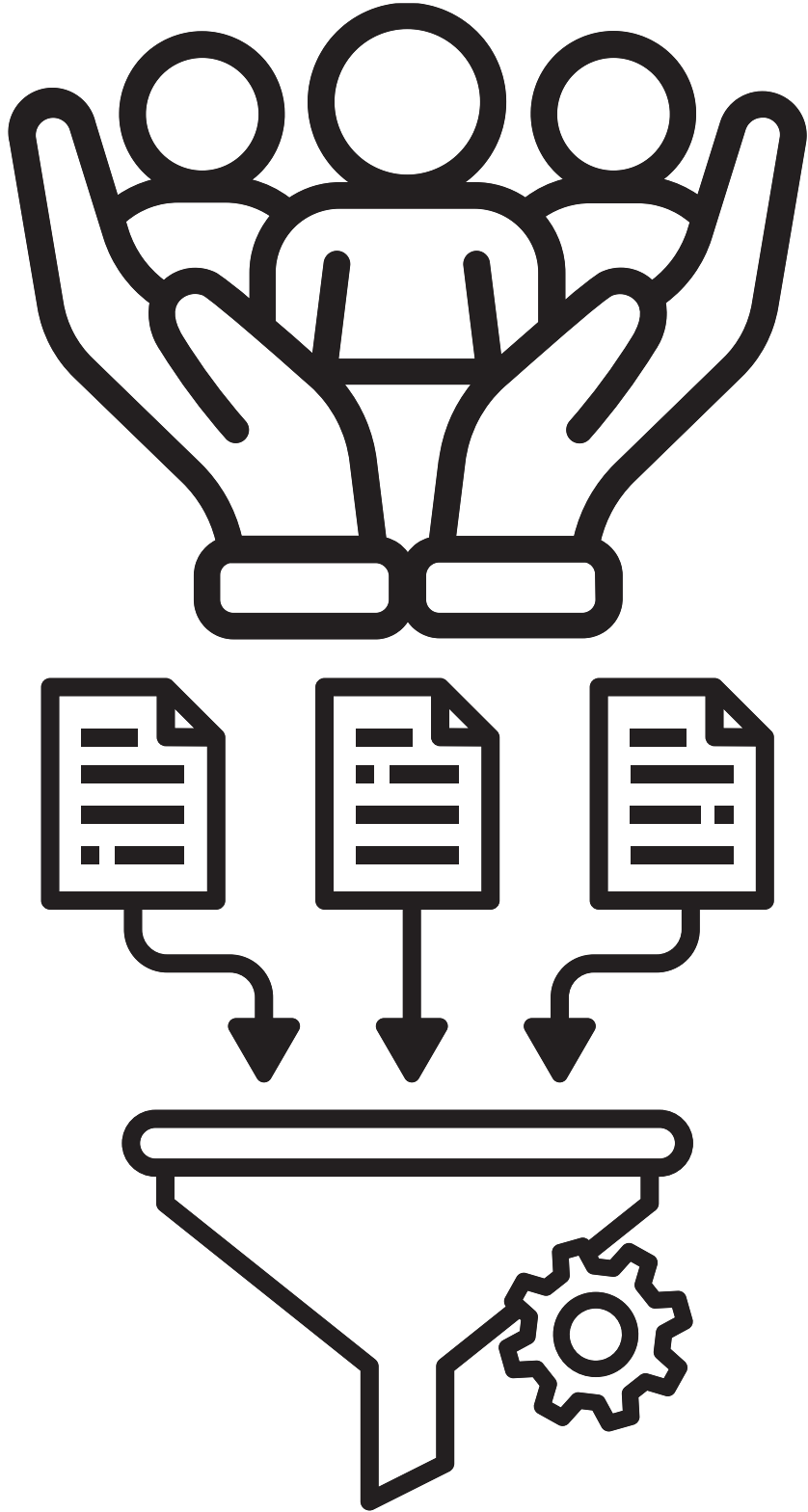
A Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF) is completed at the time of the rating decisions.

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Data is uploaded into Homeroom Preschool Application at a minimum of 2X per year (June and December).



Who is Required to Collect Data?



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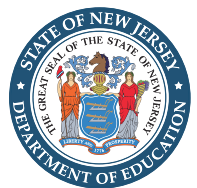
PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH IEPs

Anyone that provides programming for preschoolers with an IEP in any educational setting must identify an internal COS Team and complete the COS Process within 30 days of Entry and Exit.

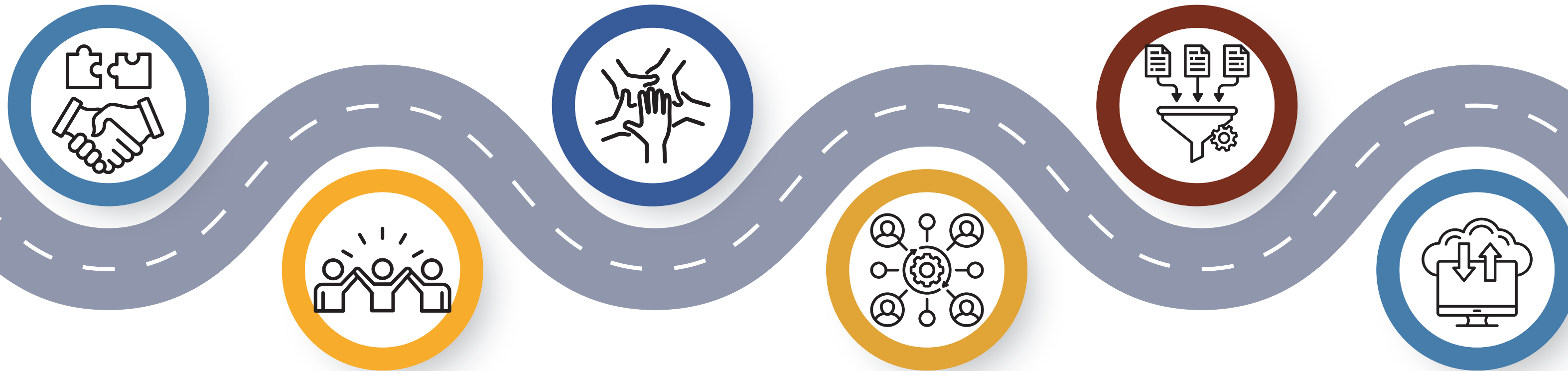
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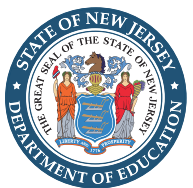
LEAs and/or Receiving District are responsible for submitting data (Entry/Exit) in the New Jersey Department of Education Homeroom System PRESCHOOL Application: Child Outcomes Summary two (2) x per year (the third Friday in December and the third Friday in June).



Timeline Changes to the COS Process



The timeline for completion of the COS Process at entry and exit has been updated from within 60 days to within 30 days of starting or ending special education services to better align the COS and IEP process.



Updates Related to Indicator 7



PRESCHOOL Application Homeroom Manual

The manual updated to reflect recent system changes, including updated instructions for transferring data from the COSF to the PRESCHOOL Application



Indicator 7: Frequently Asked Questions

The Indicator 7: Frequently Asked Questions document has been revised and updated to include additional guidance on the COS process. Updates have been made to address new questions that have emerged from the field, ensuring the document reflects current practices and clarifies common areas of confusion.



COS Forms

The revised COS Forms (A and B) align with the Homeroom Preschool Application, and they include the student's educational placement at the start and end of preschool services, as well as their proposed kindergarten placement upon exit.



NEW Supporting Resources!

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Family Guide to the COS Process

A one-page guide to help families become familiar with the COS process and its three outcomes. It addresses common questions, outlines the family's role, and highlights opportunities for meaningful participation throughout the process.

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Family Letter about the COS Process

This letter is to be shared with families at the start of the COS process during the initial IEP meeting. It provides an overview and explains the intended outcomes.

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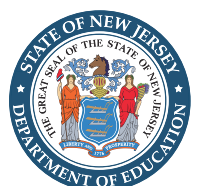
NJDOE Developmental Milestones

The Developmental Milestones resource offers a summary of age-expected skills for early childhood. This supports teams in implementing the COS process and using age-anchoring skills to determine accurate ratings.

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Indicator 7 e-Learning Video

The e-learning video provides an overview of Indicator 7, including a review of the outcomes and requirements, as well as a summary of the measurements submitted through the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR).



Looking Ahead into 2026!

e-Learning Refresher Courses

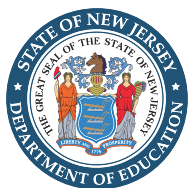
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Four (4) Self-Paced COS Refresher Courses, each with a specific focus on a component of COS, will be available as e-Learning videos. Topics for the courses will include subjects such as What is Indicator 7, Summary of the Outcomes and the COS Process, Age-Anchoring and the Rating Scale, and Data Collection and Data Systems.

COS-Knowledge Check

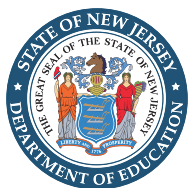
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COS -Knowledge Check (KC) will be introduced with a tiered rollout plan for any program providing preschool special education services. COS-KC is an assessment that examines whether a practitioner has sufficient knowledge to participate in the COS Team process and produce accurate ratings for child outcomes measurement.



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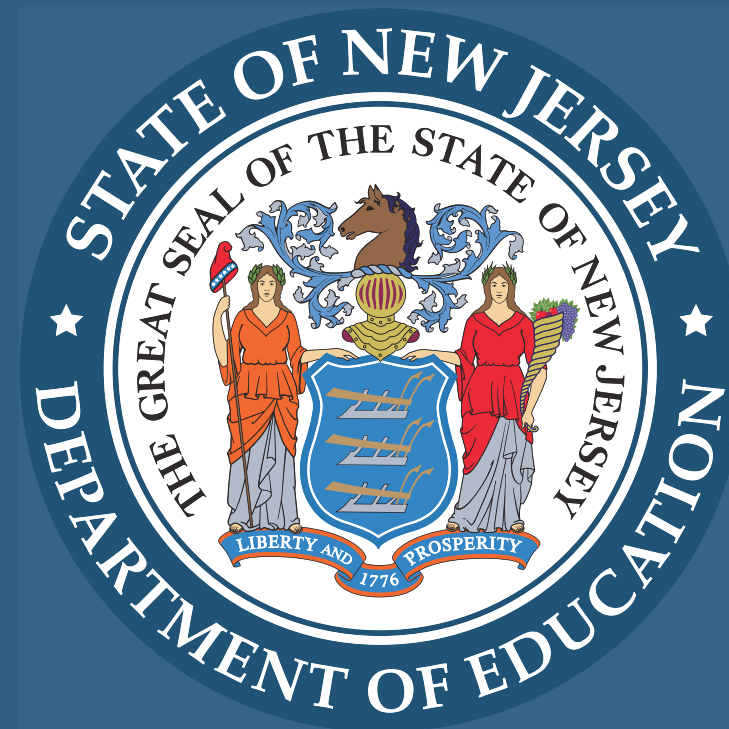
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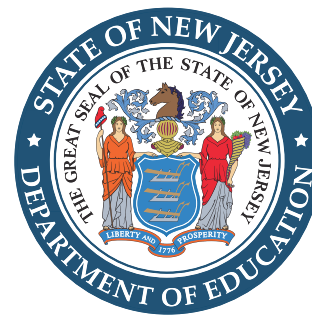
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