



May 18, 2023 @ 2:00 pm	Zoom Meeting
Attendees	<p>DESE: Adrienne Williams, Darrell Smith, Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Dr. Missy Walley, Kayci Hardnett, Whitney James</p> <p>Workgroup Members: Charisse Dean, Debbie Jones, John Spencer, Gary Arnold, Skipper Ward, Chelsie Sturdivant, Theresa Hall, Tara Mendoza, Misty Newcomb, Monica Daniels, Stephanie Nichols, Cindy Fong, Kristen Hargett</p> <p>Parthenon: Nita Bhat</p>

Draft Rule/Policy Component	Work Group Feedback
Students with disabilities & EFAs	<p>Will private schools be required to comply with federal requirements to facilitate individualized education plans for students with a disability if they accept EFA students?</p> <p>Answer: Private schools will accept a student if they can provide the services the student needs; however, they are not required to comply with federal regulations for students with disabilities.</p>
Prior school choice option Succeed Scholarship Program	<p>Will students currently accepted into the Succeeds Scholarship Program need to reapply under the CEFA Program?</p> <p>Answer: There will be a simplified version of the application for those students currently under the Succeeds Scholarship Program. This program will merge with the EFA.</p>
Homeschool students & EFAs	<p>What about homeschooled students and the EFAs?</p> <p>Answer: This component will not roll out Year 1.</p>
Communications	<p>What alternative methods can parents use to apply for the EFA program (other than online) and will the application be available in other languages?</p> <p>Answer: The application will also be offered in paper format through either mail request or pickup. There are English and Spanish options as of now.</p>

Next Steps	<p>Discussion Questions</p> <p>Answer poll for in-person date</p> <p>Gather questions on EFA rollout and process</p> <p>Prepare using Pre-reading for the next meeting</p>
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