

## TEIS Extended Services Option

The Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) extended services option allows current TEIS families to continue receiving early intervention services through an IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) beyond age three (3), if the child is determined eligible for IDEA Part B, or to proceed with the local education agency (LEA) through an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

### Who is eligible to participate in the TEIS Extended Option?

For a child to be eligible to participate in the TEIS Extended Option, all of the following must be true:

- The child turns age 3 on or after October 15, 2022.
- The child is referred to TEIS more than 45 days prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- The child is determined eligible for TEIS services.
- The child has an active IFSP.
- The parent/guardian consents to IDEA Part B evaluation for eligibility determination.
- The child is determined eligible for Part B services.

### LEA Notification

- TEIS will continue to send the LEA Notification file that includes:
  - Children who turned 27 months old (“transition age”) the previous month.
  - New referrals determined eligible for TEIS services but not yet included in a notification file.

### Transition Planning Conference (TPC)

- TEIS Service Coordinators will continue to schedule TPCs and invite LEA representatives.
- Prior to or at the TPC, TEIS will seek consent from the child’s family allowing TEIS and the LEA to share information from the child’s education record with one another.
- TEIS and the LEA will review the [Family Notification](#) document with the child’s family.
- At or soon after the TPC, the LEA will seek parent/guardian consent to evaluate the child for Part B services.
- The LEA will provide a copy of the Part B Tennessee Procedural Safeguards to the family.
- *Note.* TEIS will now schedule TPCs for TEIS late referrals (children who have been referred to TEIS between 45 and 90 days prior to the child’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday) for children determined eligible for TEIS.
  - If also Part B eligible, these families will be offered the TEIS extended option.

### Part B Eligibility Determination Prior to Age 3

- The LEA will conduct a comprehensive evaluation.
- The LEA will convene an eligibility determination meeting.
- Using the evaluation data, a Part B eligibility determination will be made.
- If determined eligible:
  - The LEA will review the Part B information provided on the [Family Notification](#) document, attaining family acknowledgement of explanation of possible Part B services and supports available under Part B.
- The LEA will notify TEIS of eligibility status and confirm [Family Notification](#) review, if applicable.
- If ineligible, the LEA will follow normal documentation procedures, updating Easy IEP accordingly.

### TEIS Extended Option Decision

- If eligible, TEIS will convene the TEIS Extended Option Decision Meeting, to discuss the TEIS Extended Option decision with the family and invite an LEA representative.
  - TEIS will revisit the [Family Notification](#) document.
  - TEIS will provide the TEIS Extended Option Decision Form to the parent/guardian
    - The family will have up to 10 days to make a choice to continue receiving TEIS Extended Services, to transition to receiving Part B services, or to decline all services.
  - TEIS will collect parent signature on the Extended Option Decision Form indicating the family's decision and notify the LEA.
- *Note.* The LEA Eligibility Determination Meeting may occur in conjunction with the Age 3 TEIS Extended Option Decision Meeting with the family, LEA, and TEIS present.

### The Part B Option

- To ensure a seamless transition and access to timely services, LEAs should assume that all families of children eligible for Part B services will transition to receiving Part B services, unless the LEA receives notification indicating otherwise.
- Families that transition to receiving Part B services with the LEA will no longer have the option of returning to receive TEIS services. Once a family exits TEIS, they may not re-enter.
- Annual Performance Reporting "APR" Indicator 11 and 12 requirements will be applicable for all children of families not choosing the Part C extended option.
- Children of families continuing with TEIS will be reported under the APR for Part C.

### The TEIS Extended Option

For families of children eligible for Part B and choosing the TEIS extended option:

- The LEA will share relevant Part B evaluation information with TEIS.
- The LEA will maintain the child's eligibility in EasyIEP and inactivate the child's record, indicating "Parent elected Part C TEIS Extended Services Option" exit reason.
- TEIS will review the IFSP with the family and update it for the TEIS Extended Option, if necessary.
- Families enrolled in the TEIS Extended Option may choose to transition to Part B at any time following the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Families enrolled in the TEIS Extended Option must transition to Part B no later than the start of the school year following the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- TEIS will notify the LEA if the child's family chooses to transition to Part B prior to the start of the school year following the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - The LEA will have a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 60 days from TEIS notification, to gather needed information and develop and implement an IEP.
- TEIS will provide the LEA with a monthly report of children who chose the TEIS Extended Option the previous month.
- By March 15 each year, TEIS will provide the LEA a list of all children receiving TEIS extended services and approaching the start of school following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- No later than the start of the school year following the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday:
  - TEIS extended services will end.
  - The LEA will ensure the implementation of an IEP.