

# Fax/Scan Guidance Blended and Remote Learning (CSE/School)

# Introduction

The chart below outlines the interim processes to use **when faxing and scanning external documents into SESIS is not available to school/CSE staff**. Follow the guidance related to the specific process to continue your work in SESIS, as needed. During blended and remote learning, roles and responsibilities remain the same.

Note: To view resources linked in this guide, first log in to the InfoHub with your DOE Outlook Credentials.

**Fax bypass**: Some documents in SESIS include a "Fax bypass" function, which allows IEP teams to enter the required information from external documents into SESIS and proceed with special education processes without faxing or scanning documents into the system.

Designated workaround: When Fax bypass is not available, use the designated workaround specified in the chart below.

Fax/Scan: For documents requiring faxing to move forward with a process but do not have Fax bypass functionality or a designated workaround, every attempt must be made to fax/scan SESIS documents using the school fax machine or ATS scanner. The fax email inbox may be used <u>only</u> when the entire IEP team has approved medical accommodations and/or is working remotely. Immediately send external documents to the applicable email inbox: For D.1-32, use <u>publicschoolfaxrequest@schools.nyc.gov</u> and for CSEs 1-10, use <u>csefaxrequest@schools.nyc.gov</u>. When forwarding a fax request, be sure to include the student's name, NYCID #, DOB, public school DBN or CSE, and a PDF version of the corresponding Fax Coversheet.

Process Impacted	Process Guidance	Fax Guidance
Initial Referral: Completing an Initial Referral from a	<ul> <li>Principals will receive referrals from parents</li> <li>Create the Initial Referral document in SESIS, and complete Notice of</li> </ul>	Fax bypass: Initial Referral Parent
Parent	<ul> <li>Referral: Initial and the Procedural Safeguards Notice</li> <li>Upload the Parent Referral into the Initial Referral document: Click Navigate To, select File Attachments, click Attach files and upload the Parent Referral</li> <li>Verify the parent referral is attached</li> <li>Complete the Fax bypass: Initial Referral Parent section</li> <li>Finalize the Initial Referral document</li> <li>Print (Save as PDF) and send the Notice of Referral: Initial to the parent</li> </ul>	

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Reevaluation Referral: Completing a Request for Reevaluation from Parent or Other Source [e.g., Physician or Judicial Officer]	<ul> <li>Create the Request for Reevaluation document, and select Parent or Other Source as the source of Referral</li> <li>Upload the Referral: Click Navigate To, select File Attachments, click Attach files and upload the Referral</li> <li>Verify the Referral is attached</li> <li>Complete the Fax bypass: Req. for Reeval-Parent/External section</li> <li>Reevaluation referrals from external sources other than the parent need to be set to review and approved/disapproved by the Principal/CSE Chairperson</li> <li>Finalize the Request for Reevaluation document</li> <li>If approved, create and complete the PWN – Reevaluation to send to the parent</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Referral for Special Education Eligibility</li> </ul>	<b>Fax bypass:</b> Req. for Reeval- Parent/External
Additional Reevaluation Referral: Request for Additional Reevaluation from Parent or Other Source [e.g., Physician or Judicial Officer]	<ul> <li>Create the Request for Additional Reevaluation document</li> <li>Check the Referral Source: Parent or Other Source [e.g., Physician or Judicial Officer]</li> <li>Fax/Scan: Request for Additional Reevaluation – Parent/External</li> <li>After the Referral appears as an attachment, set the Request for Additional Reevaluation status from draft to review</li> <li>Principal/CSE Chairperson: review, approve/disapprove and finalize the Request for Reevaluation</li> <li>If approved, create the PWN – Additional Reevaluation</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Referral for Special Education Eligibility</li> </ul>	<b>Fax/Scan:</b> Req for Additional Reeval -Parent/External
PWN – Additional Reevaluation: Agreement for Additional Reevaluation (when the parent is not the source)	<ul> <li>If the Request for Additional Reevaluation was approved, Create and complete PWN - Additional Reevaluation</li> <li>Complete the Agreement for Additional Reevaluation, the Consent for Additional Assessments (if applicable) for Reevaluation, and the Procedural Safeguards Notice sections</li> <li>Print (Save as PDF) and send the Agreement for Additional Reevaluation and Consent for Additional Assessments (if applicable) to the parent to sign and return</li> <li>Fax/Scan signed Agreement for Additional Reevaluation</li> </ul>	<b>Fax/Scan:</b> Agreement for Additional Reevaluation

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Mandated Three Year Reevaluation: Request for Waiver of Mandated Three-Year Reevaluation	<ul> <li>Create the Mandated Three Year Reevaluation document, add Request for Waiver of Mandated Three Year Reevaluation, and uncheck PWN - Mandated Three Year Reevaluation</li> <li>Complete and finalize the document</li> <li>Send to the parent</li> <li>After consent* is returned, Fax/Scan into SESIS</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Referral for Special Education Eligibility</li> </ul>	Fax/Scan: Request for Waiver of Mandated Three Year Reevaluation Consent* *PDF file of the email stating their permission to waive Mandated Three-Year Reevaluation
Reevaluation: Parent request to conduct additional assessments for a Reevaluation, Additional Reevaluation or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation	<ul> <li>Parent requests additional assessments after the PWN – Reevaluation, PWN – Additional Reevaluation, or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation was finalized</li> <li>Fax/Scan request from the parent to conduct additional assessments into the respective finalized PWN – Reevaluation, PWN – Additional Reevaluation, or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation</li> <li>After the parent request appears as an attachment, create and complete the PWN – Parent Request for Additional Assessments document</li> <li>Note: You will not be able to create the PWN – Parent Request for Additional Assessments document until the parent request appears as an attachment to the finalized PWN – Reevaluation, PWN – Additional Reevaluation, or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation.</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Referral for Special Education Eligibility</li> </ul>	<b>Fax/Scan:</b> Parental Request to Conduct Additional Assessments
Reevaluation: Consent for Additional Assessments (Assessments Needed) for a Reevaluation, Additional Reevaluation or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation, or PWN - Parent Request for Additional Assessment(s) (continued on next page)	<ul> <li>Assessments Needed are listed on the respective finalized PWN – Reevaluation, PWN – Additional Reevaluation, or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation, or PWN - Parent Request for Additional Assessment(s), which is sent to the parent with the Consent for Additional Assessments and the Procedural Safeguards Notice</li> <li>Designated workaround: After the parent returns consent for assessments, log two unique outreach attempts in the Events Log linked to the respective PWN – Reevaluation, PWN – Additional Reevaluation, Mandated Three Year Reevaluation, or PWN - Parent Request for Additional Assessment(s)         <ul> <li>Event Description: write "Consent for additional assessments workaround"</li> <li>Include the Date and Time of Event</li> <li>Log Type = Mail or Phone Call</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Designated workaround:</b> Record two outreach attempts in Event Log

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	Create the Assessment Planning document, on which "Two outreach attempts were recorded" will appear under the Date of consent for new testing, and you will be able to proceed with evaluations	
	SESIS Resources: <u>Referral for Special Education Eligibility</u> ; <u>SESIS Blended and</u> <u>Remote Learning Resources</u>	
Social History Package: (when the parent returns consent for the initial evaluation and also, for CSEs, HLIS when applicable)	<ul> <li>Create the Social History Package and print the Consent for Initial Evaluation to provide to the parent</li> <li>After signed consent is obtained, complete the Social History Package</li> <li>Upload the signed consent: Click Navigate To, select File Attachments, click Attach files and upload the signed consent</li> <li>Verify the consent is attached</li> <li>Complete the Fax bypass: Consent for Initial Evaluation section</li> <li>For CSE's, if the Home Language Identification Survey (HLIS) has not been completed, upload the HLIS as a File Attachment and complete the Fax Bypass: Home Lang. Identification Survey section and finalize the Social History Package</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Referral for Special Education Eligibility</li> </ul>	Fax bypass: Consent for Initial Evaluation Fax bypass: Home Lang. Identification Survey (if applicable)
Initial Evaluation or Reevaluation: Evaluation(s) Provided by Parent/Prior Assessment	<ul> <li>Fax/Scan: External evaluation(s) provided by a parent/prior assessment must be faxed into the corresponding evaluation template in SESIS</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Evaluation</li> </ul>	Fax/Scan: Evaluation(s)* Provided by Parent/Prior Assessment *PDF file version of the evaluation
IEP: Fax/Scan Attendance Page (continued on next page)	<ul> <li>Designated workaround: The following documents can be finalized without faxing or scanning an attendance page into SESIS         <ul> <li>Individualized Education Program (IEP)</li> <li>Individualized Education Services Plan (IESP)</li> <li>Services Plan (SP)</li> <li>Declassification from Special Education Services</li> <li>Ineligible for Special Education Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>Complete the attendance page in the IEP (check Participated by telephone)</li> <li>Finalize the IEP</li> </ul>	<b>Designated workaround:</b> Finalize IEP

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	Note: When all participants participate by telephone, it is unnecessary to upload or fax/scan the attendance page. SESIS Resources: IEP Guides Process and Resources	
IEP: Fax/Scan Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP	<ul> <li>Create, complete, and finalize the Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP</li> <li>Print the Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP as a PDF file</li> <li>Send Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP to the parent via email</li> <li>Fax/Scan: PDF of parent's permission* to waive the IEP meeting</li> <li>After the waiver appears as an attachment in SESIS, you may proceed to amend the IEP</li> <li>SESIS Resources: IEP Guides Process and Resources</li> <li>Video: Amending an IEP with a Waiver of IEP Meeting in SESIS Video</li> </ul>	Fax/Scan: Parent Permission* for Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP *PDF file of the email stating their permission to waive the meeting
Initial Placement: Prior Notice Package for Placement (when the parent returns consent/acknowledgment for the provision of services)	<ul> <li>Create, complete and finalize the Prior Notice Package for Placement</li> <li>Upon finalization, print (Save as PDF) and send the Prior Notice Package for Placement and the Consent for Initial Provision of Services to the parent</li> <li>After consent is received, attach the signed consent by uploading it to the Prior Notice Package for Placement</li> <li>Open the Prior Notice Package for Placement document, and complete the Fax bypass: Consent for Services - Initial or the appropriate Fax bypass section</li> <li>Click the link to create, and then complete and finalize the Authorization to Attend document to print (Save as PDF) and send to the parent</li> <li>Note: If the Prior Notice Package for Placement was finalized before June 4, 2020, the Fax bypass section(s) will not be available. For these cases, Fax/Scan the consent/acknowledgment.</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Placement</li> </ul>	Fax bypass*: Consent for Services – Initial (additional sections, as needed) *Unless finalized before June 4
Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed (when the parent returns	<ul> <li>Upon finalization, print (Save as PDF) and send the Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed and the Consent for Initial Provision of Services to the parent</li> </ul>	Fax bypass*: Consent for Services – Initial OR

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consent/acknowledgment for the provision of services)	<ul> <li>After consent is received, attach the signed consent by uploading it to Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed</li> <li>Open the Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed document, and complete the Fax bypass: Consent for Services – Initial, or the Fax bypass: Ack. of Services-Annual/Reevaluation</li> <li>If necessary, update the Admin DBN/School location field in the Student Enrollment Information section of the student profile with the school the student will be attending</li> <li>Note: If the Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed was finalized before June 4, 2020, the Fax bypass section(s) will not be available. For these cases, Fax/Scan the consent/acknowledgment.</li> <li>SESIS Resources: Placement</li> </ul>	Fax bypass*: Ack. of Services- Annual/Reevaluation *Unless finalized before June 4
Case Closing - Parent Revocation of Consent (continued on next page)	<ul> <li>Create the Case Closing document and select Parent Revocation of Consent as the case closing reason</li> <li>Complete the Parent Withdrawal of Consent section, and then print (Save as PDF) and send the letter to the parent to sign and return</li> <li>After the parent provides written consent, upload the signed withdrawal of consent letter into the Case Closing document: Click Navigate To, select File Attachments, click Attach files and upload the letter</li> <li>Verify the document is attached</li> <li>Complete the Fax bypass: Parent Revocation of Consent section</li> <li>Add and complete the Parent Revocation – Notice of Termination section</li> <li>Print the Parent Revocation – Notice of Termination to allow the Case Closing document to be finalized – Do not send to Parent without a Date – the date populates upon finalization</li> <li>Finalize the Case Closing document</li> <li>Print (Save as PDF) and send the Parent Revocation – Notice of Termination to the parent</li> <li>If, before the Effective (Termination) date, the parent decides to rescind the revocation of consent, upload the parent rescind letter to Case Closing</li> <li>Complete the Fax Bypass: Parent Rescinded Rev. of Consent section</li> </ul>	Fax bypass: Parent Revocation of Consent Fax bypass: Parent Rescinded Revocation of Consent (if applicable)

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State Supported School Acceptance – 4201	<ul> <li>Create the State Supported School Acceptance – 4201 document in SESIS</li> <li>Fax/Scan: The State Supported School Acceptance – 4201 letter</li> <li>After the State Supported School Acceptance – 4201 letter is attached, finalize the document</li> </ul>	<b>Fax/Scan:</b> State Supported School Acceptance – 4201 Letter

### Additional Notes

- All parent referrals should be sent to the Principal/CSE Chair, who will direct these to the corresponding IEP team
- When it is not possible to print and mail documents to parents, you may follow steps for saving a SESIS document as a PDF file and send it via email (after obtaining consent for electronic mail from the parent); resources and step-by-step guidance is available on the <u>SESIS Blended and Remote Learning</u> page of the SESIS InfoHub
- Although some documents may be finalized without attachments at this time, staff with access to a fax machine should fax in any required attachments as soon as possible or by the end of the next business day

## SESIS Fax/Scan Guidance Summary for Blended and Remote Learning or School Building Closure

#### Use Fax bypass:

- Initial Referral (Parent Referral)
- Request for Reevaluation (Referral)
- Social History Package (Consent for Initial Evaluation and Home Lang. Identification Survey)
- Prior Notice Package for Placement (Consent for Services Initial and other sections as needed)
- Prior Notice Package for Placement/Parentally Placed (Consent for Services Initial and Ack. Of Services Annual/Reevaluation)
- Case Closing (Parent Revocation of Consent and Parent Rescinded Revocation of Consent)

#### Use the designated workaround:

- IEP Attendance Page: You can finalize the IEP without faxing/scanning the Attendance Page into SESIS
- Consent for Additional Assessments for the PWN Reevaluation, PWN Additional Reevaluation, Mandated Three Year Reevaluation, or PWN – Parent Request for Additional Assessments: log two unique outreach attempts in the student's Events Log linked to the respective document

#### Documents that must be faxed/scanned:

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- Request for Additional Reevaluation: Referral
- Agreement for Additional Reevaluation: PWN Additional Reevaluation when the source of the Referral is not the parent
- Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP: Parent Permission to Waiver of IEP Meeting to Amend IEP
- Request for Waiver of Mandated Three Year Reevaluation: Parent Permission to Request for Waiver of Mandated Three Year Reevaluation
- Parent request to conduct additional assessments (fax/scan this request into the PWN Reevaluation, PWN Additional Reevaluation or Mandated Three Year Reevaluation to be able to create the PWN – Parent Request for Additional Assessments document)
- State Supported School Acceptance 4201: State Supported School Acceptance 4201 Letter