

From Reactive to *Proactive*: How iTAAP® Keeps LEAs in Full IEP Compliance

A technical guide for Special Education Directors on using AI-powered predictive analytics to meet IDEA and state requirements — before violations occur, not after.

Audience: Special Education Directors & SELPA Administrators

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Every school year, LEAs across California manage hundreds of simultaneous IEP deadlines, disproportionality data requirements, service logs, and a CDE compliance calendar that never pauses. Most districts discover missed timelines, service gaps, and disproportionality flags only after they've already become formal compliance problems. iTAAP® — built by Expatiate Communications — changes that equation entirely.

IDEA MANDATORY TIMELINES — PER STUDENT, EVERY YEAR

15

Days to issue proposed assessment plan after referral

60

Days from parental consent to complete initial IEP meeting

30

Days to convene IEP meeting after parent request

Annual

IEP review required for every student with a disability

Every 3 yrs

Triennial reassessment minimum (with parent consent)

THE COST OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Missed timelines trigger compensatory education awards, due process filings (\$8K–\$100K+ per case), CDE corrective action plans, and monitoring tier escalation. Significant disproportionality findings mandate redirection of IDEA Part B funds to CCEIS — a lasting fiscal and programmatic consequence that iTAAP® is designed to prevent.

THE FIVE COMPLIANCE AREAS iTAAP® ADDRESSES SIMULTANEOUSLY

- 1 Annual IEP Review Compliance**
 Real-time tracking of every student's annual IEP date with color-coded status alerts and weekly email digests to case managers — before any deadline lapses.
- 2 Triennial Reassessment Tracking**
 iTAAP® maintains rolling three-year windows for every student, flagging approaching deadlines and tracking parental consent status. CDE uses triennial IEP compliance as a core factor in annual monitoring tier determinations.
- 3 IEP Service Delivery Verification**
 Tracks whether students are actually receiving services at the time and frequency in their IEPs — identifying gaps before they accumulate into compensatory liability. San Francisco USD's \$1.8M award stemmed from 546,246 missed service minutes discovered retroactively.
- 4 Disproportionality & Significant Disproportionality Monitoring**
 Advance warnings disaggregated by race/ethnicity and disability category — allowing directors to correct identification, placement, and disciplinary practices before CDE's annual determination locks in a findings designation and triggers mandatory CCEIS fund redirection.
- 5 Procedural & Substantive IEP Compliance Alerts**
 Auto-flags IEPs missing procedural elements, SPPI Indicator 13 transition components for students 16+, LRE placements lacking documentation, or behavioral data inconsistent with the student's PBIS plan.

Real-Time IEP Status Dashboard

Color-coded compliance status for every IEP — annual, triennial, transition, and service delivery — updated continuously from your existing data systems.

Weekly Compliance Email Alerts

Automated digest emails for case managers listing students with approaching deadlines before they lapse.

Disproportionality Trend Projections

AI projects where your LEA's disproportionality indicators are heading — early enough to course-correct before a CDE designation is issued.

On-Demand CDE & SELPA Reports

Auto-generate reports for CDE submissions, CIMP, Annual Performance Reports, and audit preparation — in minutes, not days.

SPPI Indicator	What It Measures	Risk Without iTAAP®	With iTAAP®
Indicator 5 — LRE (School-Age)	SWDs in regular class 80%+ of the day	Annual discovery — too late to adjust placements	Real-time LRE tracking disaggregated by demographic
Indicators 9 & 10 — Disproportionality	Racial/ethnic overrepresentation in SpEd identification & categories	3-year trend invisible until CDE Annual Determination	AI projection of disproportionality trajectory — intervene early
Indicator 11 — Initial Evaluations	IEP completed within 60 days of parental consent	Missed 60-day timelines found in compliance review	Individual countdown alerts from day of consent receipt
Indicator 13 — Secondary Transition	Youth 16+ with all 8 required IEP transition elements	Missing elements found only during audit or visit	Automated flagging of IEPs with incomplete transition sections

DISPROPORTIONALITY — WHY EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL

Significant disproportionality occurs when an indicator falls out of compliance for three of the last four years. Once designated, an LEA must redirect IDEA Part B funds to CCEIS and cannot reduce its Maintenance of Effort by 50% even when federal funding increases. iTAAP® surfaces these trends as they are forming — not after a CDE determination has already been issued — giving directors the data to adjust identification, placement, and disciplinary procedures before the threshold is crossed.

SERVICE DELIVERY FIDELITY & CHARTER SCHOOLS

An IEP compliant on paper but not faithfully implemented is still a FAPE violation. iTAAP® makes it easy to identify which students won't meet time and frequency compliance well in advance — allowing scheduling corrections rather than costly compensatory education resolutions. Charter schools face the same IDEA obligations as traditional LEAs but often without enterprise administrative infrastructure. iTAAP® scales to the size of the organization, providing the same real-time compliance intelligence to a 500-student charter as it does to a 50,000-student urban district.

CDE MONITORING TIERS — WHAT'S AT STAKE

California places LEAs into three monitoring tiers: **Universal** (meeting all targets), **Targeted** (failing one or more indicators this year — triggers required Special Education Plan submission and additional CDE oversight), and **Intensive** (failing indicators over multiple years — mandates multi-year remediation plans and elevated scrutiny of student record reviews). iTAAP® is the earliest possible intervention to prevent tier escalation — and the most cost-effective way to maintain Universal monitoring status year after year.

See iTAAP® in Action for Your District or Charter School

Schedule a personalized demo to see how iTAAP® tracks your LEA's IEP compliance, disproportionality indicators, and SPPI performance in real time. Expatiate Communications also offers direct special education program management for LEAs that need full-continuum IDEA support alongside the platform.

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- IDEA
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- Disproportionality
- LRE
- SPPI
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- CCEIS