

Completion of the Related Service Adaptations for Blended and Remote Learning (RAD) - Guidance For Mandated Counseling and Hearing/Vision Providers

In accordance with the Special Education SOPM, and recent guidance issued to schools, mandated counseling and hearing/vision staff should now be assigned their student caseloads, and provision of services should have begun. Any services that have not already commenced should commence as soon as possible following confirmation of the learning plan with the family through the RS Adaptations for Blended and Remote Learning (RAD) process and consistent with the school opening schedule.

Mandated counseling and hearing/vision staff should complete and issue the RAD form for all students on their related services caseload, and upload the completed document to the student's record in SESIS. The RAD should be developed and finalized in SESIS and sent to the parent before October 9, based on conversations that have already been held with the family where applicable. Sections of the RAD that require additional interaction with the student to complete should include a note in the relevant section stating that it will be updated when more information is available. The revised RAD should then be finalized and sent to the parent. Completion of the RAD is NOT required where a hearing or vision teacher is assigned as a teacher to a self-contained classroom; the hearing/vision teacher should complete the PAD for these students.

- [Information on completion of the PAD \(Open external link\)](#)
- [PAD Frequently Asked Questions](#)

While the RAD process requires active engagement and conversation with the parent, written parental consent is not required for counseling and hearing/vision services to begin. Accordingly, counseling and hearing/vision staff are not required to complete a separate remote service parental consent form.

Please see below for information on training and resources:

- The DOE will provide additional RAD training in the near future.
 - [RAD Training Guide](#)(Open external link)
 - [Recorded Training Video](#) (Open external link)
- [Provision of mandated counseling services during blended learning](#)
- [Approved DOE Learning platforms and associated guidance regarding their use](#)

The DOE will post similar information for hearing/vision staff in the near future, along with FAQ's for both counseling and hearing and vision related service providers.