SOME POINTS TO CONSIDER IN PLAAFP DEVELOPMENT

- Start with the student's vision.
- Remember: There is only one curriculum, the general education curriculum
- Address current functioning in the area/s of difficulty using current assessment data, observation, classroom performance data, etc.
- Identify academic/non-academic needs and strengths (include course of study, MMC, diploma, certificate, etc).
- Be sure to describe performance in all areas that are affected by the disability.
- Describe specific learning accommodations, modifications, learning strategies, level of independence, and general need for assistance based on current data
- There should be a direct relationship between evaluation information and PLAAFP statements.
- Use understandable language
- Be sure scores are self-explanatory or an explanation is included.
- Address functional performance as evident in the child's daily environment, such as classroom, lunchroom, the community, bus, etc.
- Describe current performance, not past performance
- Health, motor skills, mobility, assistive technology, communication
- Critical thinking/problem solving
- Social Emotional issues
- Inclusion in the least restrictive environment (LRE).
- Using transition assessment data, consider recreation, leisure, community participation, work experience, postsecondary training/learning, adult living skills

PLAAFP CHECKLIST

Does the PLAAFP address all areas affected by the student's disability?
Is the PLAAFP stated in terms that are understandable, specific, measurable and objective?
Does the PLAAFP describe current performance, including functional performance?
Have transition assessment results been included?
Does the PLAAFP describe how the student's disability affects the child's performance in the general curriculum?
Are the present levels understandable, so that goals, services, assessments, LRE, etc. may easily be developed?
Does the PLAAFP provide a "snapshot" of the student?
Does the PLAAFP provide baseline information for each need?
Does the PLAAFP use information from a variety of sources in a comprehensive statement?
Would anyone be able to begin instruction or intervention?

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