## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Category Checklists – March 2009



		Student's Name
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Mild Intellectual Disabilities		
	base funding allocation	PEN
(Revised	d September, 2004)	FEIN
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To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	assessment documentation shows the student's intellectual functioning is 2 or more standard deviations below the mean on an individually administered Level C assessment of intellectual functioning (SS $\leq$ 69); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	assessment documentation shows there are limitations of similar degree in 2 or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) on a norm referenced measure of adaptive behaviour.	
	Note: every instrument has measurement error of approximately 5 points, so a student may be identified with a mild intellectual disability with an overall cognitive score as high as 74 when there are significant deficits in adaptive functioning. Similarly, a student with a cognitive score below 69 but no significant impairments in two or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) would not be identified.	
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

		Student's Name
Moderate to Profound Intellectual		
Disabilities		
Level 2 funding allocation (Revised September, 2004)		PEN
1701 Cod		Date
To be el	igible the following must be met	
	assessment documentation shows the student's intellectual functioning is 3 or more standard deviations below the mean on an individually administered Level C assessment of intellectual functioning (SS $\leq$ 54); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	assessment documentation shows there are limitations of similar degree in 2 or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) on a norm referenced measure of adaptive behaviour.	
	Note: every instrument has measurement error of approximately 5 points, so a student may be identified with a moderate intellectual disability with an overall cognitive score as high as 59 when there are significant deficits in adaptive functioning, but would not be identified with a moderate intellectual disability if scores in two or more adaptive skill areas (appropriate to the student's age) are not at a similar level.	
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
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		Student's Name
Learning Dis	abilities	
Student base funding allocation		
(Revised July, 200		PEN
1701 Code Q		Date
		There must be documentation to support that the student has been
To be eligible on	e or more of the following must be met	appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
of pre-aca early prim assessme remedial i	nt documentation shows persistent difficulties in the acquisition demic skills such as recognition of letters and numbers in the ary years; and/or nt documentation shows persistent difficulties in spite of ntervention in the acquisition of reading, writing and/or skills; and/or	One or more academic difficulties relative to expected ability, and identified in documentation:  Word Recognition, and/or Reading Comprehension, and/or Spelling, and/or Written expression, and/or
☐ assessme	nt documentation shows significant discrepancy between	Mathematical computations, and/or
estimated	learning potential and academic achievement (not	Problem Solving
	cy between verbal and performance abilities) as measured by renced achievement instruments.	Various achievement instruments and cognitive tests can be used
nomi-reie	reflect achievement instruments.	to document difficulty.
There is documen	ted evidence that	Measures used as evidence of cognitive functioning:
☐ Average o	or above ability, is demonstrated by either by a cognitive	Full scale score, or other norm referenced estimate of
	nt or by average or better performance on a norm referenced lievement in reading comprehension, mathematics problem	ability with rationale for not using full scale IQ.  Verbal IQ or Performance IQ score
	written expression (average is demonstrated by score(s) at or	Test of non-verbal cognitive ability score
above one	e standard deviation below the norm).	Norm-reference test(s) of academic achievement in
☐ Significan	t weakness exists in one or more of the cognitive processes	reading comprehension, mathematics problem solving, or written expression.
	overall functioning.	Significant weakness in one or more cognitive processes, relative to overall functioning:
		Perception
		Memory
	ents of cognitive processes must utilize norm-referenced	Attention
	ts; if other forms of assessment are used, they must be lied by a clear rationale for why the alternate assessment is	☐ Language processing
	e in identifying the student's processing disorder.	☐ Visual-spatial processing
		Planning and decision making
		Phonological processing
	ent documents indicate that the difficulties being experienced	☐ Processing speed
are not <u>pri</u>	marily* due to sensory deficits, lack of opportunity to learn, linguistic differences, or social/emotional/physical health	Auditory processing
issues.	illiguistic untererices, or social/emotional/physical health	Examples of evidence of other primary sources of difficulty addressed in assessment documentation
* Learning disabilities may coexist with other disorders such as		(✓ as appropriate):
behavioural or emotional disorders, sensory impairments, or other		Culture and language differences of the home
medical condition	ns.	Consistency of schooling and attendance
		☐ Vision and hearing screening results
		Medical factors regarding social/emotional/physical
		health
		<b>☐</b> Other

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	ing Disabilities (cont'd)	
	base funding allocation d July, 2006)	PEN
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There is	documented evidence that(cont'd)	
	The assessment integrates information from a number of sources (two or more).	Examples of documentation:  Information from family about health social/emotional status and developmental history Information from professionals about health social/emotional status and developmental history Information from classroom teacher(s) about classroom performance Information from learning assistance/resource teacher about student performance Information from other professionals about strengths and weaknesses Relevant academic history Other
There is	s documented evidence that  A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school	
	year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	Examples of strategies:  Intense, direct instruction Skill-building instruction
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	Instruction in learning and compensatory strategies
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	Skill building in self advocacy Adaptations to instruction and assessment Adaptations to learning resources, technology
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	Social skills training, etc
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
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Students Requiring Behaviour Support or Students with Mental Illness Student base funding Allocation (Revised August, 2008) 1701 Code R		PEN Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	ment documentation from different sources provides evidence or more of the following:  aggression (of a physical, emotional, or sexual nature) and/ or	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	hyperactivity; and/or negative or undesirable internalized psychological states such as	☐ Functional behavioural assessment, for example, the Behaviour Disorders Instructional Support Planning Tool, and/or
	anxiety, stress related disorders, and depression; and/or behaviours related to social problems such as delinquency, substance abuse, child abuse, or neglect; and/or	<ul> <li>Other assessments by medical professionals or teams of professionals, and/or</li> <li>Norm referenced assessment, i.e., Behaviour Assessment System for Children (BASC), Connors' Rating Scale,</li> </ul>
	behaviours related to other disabling conditions, such as thought disorders or neurological or physiological conditions.	Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist, etc.
There is	documented evidence that shows	
	The frequency or severity of the behaviours has a very disruptive effect.	
	Behaviour(s) are evident over an extended period of time, in more than one setting, and with more than one person (teachers, peers).	
	The student has not responded to support/ interventions provided through usual school discipline and classroom management strategies.	
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
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	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation. These services are outlined in the IEP and relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
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Students Requiring Intensive Behaviour Intervention or Students with Serious Mental Illness Level 3 funding Allocation		Student's Name  PEN
(Revise	d August 2008) ode H	Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	Page 1 of 2
The bel	entation includes: a behavioural assessment and/or a mental health assessment naviour or mental health assessment indicates evidence of one or the following: antisocial, extremely disruptive behaviour in most other environments and consistently/ persistently over time; and/or severe mental illness diagnosed by a mental health professional	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.  □ Functional behavioural assessment, for example, the Behaviour Disorders Instructional Support Planning Tool, and/or □ Other assessments by medical professionals or teams of professionals, and/or □ Norm referenced assessment, i.e., Behaviour Assessment System for Children (BASC), Connors'
	(psychiatrist, paediatrician, physician, registered psychologist specializing in this area).	Rating Scale, Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist, etc.
There is	documented evidence that indicates	
	The behaviour  ☐ places student or others at serious risk and/or ☐ interferes with his or her academic progress and that of other students.	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.  The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.  The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.  The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
0	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.  The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.  A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	

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Students Requiring Intensive Behaviour Intervention or Students with Serious Mental Illness (Cont'd) Level 3 funding Allocation (Revised, August 2008) 1701 Code H	Student's Name  PEN  Date
There is documented evidence that indicates	
<ul> <li>The settings in which the behaviour is persistent over time.</li> <li>The district has exhausted resources/ capacity to manage.</li> <li>Planning is coordinated, across-agency and community (integrated case management/ wraparound).</li> </ul>	
Documentation of services shows that	
☐ The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
There is evidence that <b>one or more</b> of the following special education services are provided:	
direct intervention in the classroom to promote behavioural change or emotional support as per IEP; <b>and/or</b>	
placement in a program designed to promote behaviour change/implement IEP; and/or	
<ul> <li>ongoing, individual social skills training and/or instruction in behaviour/ learning strategies.</li> </ul>	
Reduction in class size (or placement in an alternate program or learning environment) is not by itself a sufficient service to meet the criteria.	
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		Student's Name
Physically Dependent - Multiple Needs Level I funding allocation (Revised September, 2004)		
		PEN
1701 Co		Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
Assessment documentation shows that the student is completely dependent on others for meeting all major daily living needs. The student requires assistance at <b>all times for each</b> of the following:		There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
	feeding; and	
	dressing; and	
	toileting; and	
	mobility; and	
	personal hygiene.	
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
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	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		

	Student's Name
Deafblind	
Level I funding allocation (Revised September, 2004)	PEN
1701 Code B	Date
To be eligible the following must be met	
Medical documentation shows that:	
the student's vision is impaired (from partial sight to total blindness); and	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the
that the student's hearing is impaired (from moderate to profound hearing loss).	school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.
There is documented evidence that	
The degree of impairments, when compounded, results in significant communicative, educational, vocational, and social skills difficulties.	
There is documented evidence that	
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The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
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		Student's Name
Physical Disability / Chronic Health		
Impairment		
	unding allocation	PEN
1701 Co	l August 2008) de D	Date
	igible the following must be met	
TO DE EI	igible the following must be met	
There is	documentation of a medical diagnosis in <b>one or more</b>	There is evidence of a medical diagnosis of
	lowing areas:	<u> </u>
		The diagnosis has been made by
	nervous system impairment that impacts movement or	
	mobility; and/or	Note: For a diagnosis of a complex developmental behaviour condition including FASD, it must be made by either the
<u> </u>	musculoskeletal condition; and/or	
	chronic health impairment that seriously impacts students' education and achievement.	CDBC Network, or BCAAN Network, or
	education and achievement.	a qualified medical specialist (paediatrician, psychiatrist, neurologist
		or a medical professional specializing in
		developmental disorders) in consultation with a multi-disciplinary
		team of specialists (i.e. registered
		psychologist, speech/language pathologist, occupational therapist,
		physical therapist).
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Ass	essment documentation shows that	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school
		district as meeting the criteria of the special education
Ц	This student's <i>functioning and education</i> is significantly affected by his/her physical disability or chronic health	category.
	impairment and/or	Students with mental illness should be reported in the behaviour category that matches their needs.
	The student with complex developmental behaviour	Assessment documentation and other information should
	conditions, including FASD, exhibits an array of complex needs in two or more domains which significantly impact the	indicate that the extent and impact of the medical condition is
	student's education and achievement.	such that there is a need for significant support services.
		For students with complex developmental behaviour
		conditions, assessment documentation must address an array of complex needs and identify two or more of the
		following domains as being significantly impacted:
		academic/intellectual functioning (development,
		learning, cognition*)
		social-emotional functioning (behaviour, mental health, social skills, peer relations*)
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		self determination/independence (adaptive skills, safety, daily living skills*)
		physical functioning (neuro-motor functioning,
		motor skills, self care*)
		communication (receptive and expressive
		language, speech intelligibility/impairments*)
		* cross-reference to terminology used in the CDBC Framework
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There is	documented evidence that
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.
	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.
Reduction	on in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.

		Student's Name
Visual Impairment		
Level 2	funding allocation	PEN
(Revised	d September, 2004)	
1701 00	nue L	Date
To be e	ligible the following must be met	
	A documented report from an ophthalmologist, optometrist, orthoptist or the Visually Impaired Program at the BC Children's Hospital describes the student's vision impairment as one of the following:  a visual acuity of 6/21 (20/70) or less in the better eye after correction; or  a visual field of 20 degrees or less; or  Any progressive eye disease with a prognosis of becoming one of the above within a few years; or  A visual problem or related visual stamina that is not correctable that results in the student functioning as if his/ her visual acuity is limited to 6/21 (20/70) or less.	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.  This category does not include students described as having visual perceptual difficulties.
There is	documented evidence that	
	A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	
	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	
	The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	
	The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.	
	The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	
	The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	
	A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.	
Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.		
	A qualified teacher of the visually impaired provides the	

		Student's Name
<b>Deaf or Hard of Hearing</b> Level 2 funding Allocation (Revised July, 2006) 1701 Code F		PEN Date
To be eligible the following must be met		
There is	ment documentation shows that  The student has a medically diagnosed significant bilateral hearing loss, a unilateral loss with significant speech/language delay, or a cochlear implant (typically documented in a report from a health professional such as an audiologist).  Assessment information indicates that the student has substantial educational difficulty due to the hearing loss.	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.  Criteria for reporting of Unilateral Hearing Loss:  There is an annual assessment;  The unilateral hearing loss is moderate to profound; and,  The student has educationally significant problems directly attributable to the loss.
0	The IEP has individualized goals and measurable objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.  The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.  The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	
Reduction	The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.  The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.  The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.  A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.  on in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.	
	A qualified teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing provides the services.	

	Student's Name	
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)		
Level 2 funding allocation		
1701 Code G	PEN	
(Revised October, 2008)		
	Date	
To be eligible the following must be met		
Documentation of a diagnosis of ASD made by appropriately qualified professionals:  BC Autism Assessment Network (BCAAN), or a paediatrician, psychiatrist or registered psychologist whose assessment meets Standards and Guidelines* and adopted BCAAN policy changes (Sept. 2006).  Note: Students who are diagnosed with any of the cluster of disabilities referred to as "pervasive development disorders" should now be identified in the ASD funding category.	There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district as meeting the criteria of the special education category.  Documentation must meet one of the following conditions for under age six at the time of assessment:  Diagnosis of autism from a qualified specialist prior to Jan. 1, 2004 (completed prior to the introduction of the new Standards* in Jan. 1, 2004) that will, in many but not all cases, include information from various professionals of different disciplines.	
	Clinical diagnoses and assessment by a qualified specialist	
There is documented evidence that	Clinical diagnoses and assessment by a qualified specialist completed after Jan. 1, 2004 in keeping with the new provincial	
A current IEP is in place, dated after September 30, previous school year.	Standards*. The assessment <u>must</u> include and integrate information from multiple sources and various professionals from different	
The IEP has individualized goals and measurable	disciplines.	
objectives, with adaptations and or modifications where appropriate, and strategies to meet these goals.	Documentation must meet the following conditions for <b>over age six</b> at the time of assessment:	
The goals correspond to the category in which the student is identified.	For students over age six who are identified in the category for the	
The services outlined in the IEP relate to the identified needs of the student.	first time, school boards must ensure that a qualified specialist conducts a clinical diagnostic assessment. The assessment must integrate information from multiple sources covering development and presenting concerns; must include a mental status examination must review community records and prior assessments; and must include consultation with professionals from other disciplines where deemed appropriate. Standards for diagnosis and assessment of students age six and over are reflected in the Sept. 2006 BCAAN	
The student is receiving special education services to address the needs identified in the assessment documentation that are beyond those offered to the general student population and are proportionate to level of need.		
The student is being offered learning activities in accordance with the IEP.	policy changes.	
The IEP outlines methods for measuring progress in relation to the IEP goals.	"Grandfathering" provisions:  Students of any age who were identified by school boards in the Autism category in	
A parent was offered the opportunity to be consulted about preparation of the IEP.  Reduction in class size is not by itself a sufficient service.	the 2005/06 school year will remain eligible for continued placement in this category, provided a previous documented diagnosis of ASD was made by an appropriately qualified professional, a current IEP remains in place and the student continues to receive ongoing special education services. Such students will be "grandfathered" on the basis that they were identified in the autism category at or before 2005/06, consistent with Ministry of Education requirements for that school year. All students with a documented diagnosis of ASD made by a qualified professional (registered psychologist, pediatrician, neurologist or psychiatrist) prior	
	to January 1, 2004 should be deemed eligible.  * Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Young Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder in British Columbia	

http://www.phsa.ca/HealthPro/Autism/default.htm

Refer to Special Education Service: A Manual of Policies Procedures and Guidelines
(2006) for complete information at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/ppandg

		Student's Name		
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Student base funding allocation (Revised September, 2004)		PEN		
1701 Code P		Data		
		Date		
To be eligible the following must be m	et			
Assessment documentation indic	actor the student mosts the			
criteria of exceptionally high capa		There must be documentation to support that the student has been appropriately assessed and identified by the school district		
□ intellect, <b>or</b>	· ·	as meeting the criteria of the special education category.		
□ creativity, <b>or</b>				
□ skills associated with a s	specific discipline.			
As evidenced by several (2 or more) of the following:				
-	cluding anecdotal records,			
checklists and inventorie				
records of student achieved				
assignments, portfolios,				
talents, interests and acc				
nominations by educator self; and/or	rs, parents, peers and/or			
interview of parents and	students; and/or			
-	evel C of cognitive ability,			
achievement, aptitude a				
Assessment documentation shows that				
assessment and identification had	as used multiple criteria.			
assessment has collected inform	nation from a variety of sources.			
There is documented evidence that				
A current IEP is in place, dated a	after September 30, previous			
school year.				
☐ The IEP has individualized goals				
with adaptations and or modifica	tions where appropriate, and			
strategies to meet these goals.				
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