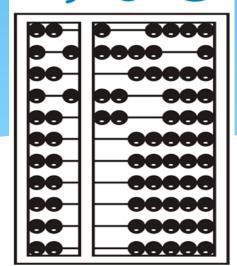
Herkimer County eSTACs Getting Started -Entering Children and STAC-5



Herkimer County Timeline

June 13, 2025:

* Herkimer County will **no longer accept any 25/26 STAC's.** You will however continue to send your 24/25 paper STAC's to the county.

* June 18, 2025:

* McGuinness will migrate all of the children that are in the Herkimer County Preschool system over into eSTACs. Each district will only be able to see their own children. McGuinness will also bring over any 25/26 services that have already been entered into Preschool, and any Medicaid Consents that the county has received.

* June 19, 2025:

- School districts will begin entering STAC's into eSTACs.
- * All prior year STAC-1's (24/25, 23/24, 22/23 etc.), send paper STAC to the county to enter or amend in their Preschool system. Prior years will not be turned on in eSTACs and you will not be able to enter any STACs.

What is eSTACs

- * eSTACs is part of our CPSE Portal website (https://www.cpseportal.com).
- * It is a series of screens to facilitate the communication of STAC related information from the school district to the County.
- * The goal is to eliminate sending paper between from the district to the County (or at least get very close).

Types of Information

- * The following information can be sent to the County via eSTACs
 - Evaluation information (eliminating need for STAC-5)
 - Service information (eliminating need for STAC-1)
 - * Supporting documentation including
 - Medicaid Parental Consents
 - * Transportation forms
 - * IEP
 - * Aide / Nurse forms
 - * Birth certificate, passport, adoption papers, legal name change document
 - * More....

District Designation of Digital Signatories for eSTACs Form

- * Each school district completes a District Designation of Digital Signatories for eSTACs form.
 - * This form will designate the CPSE Chair and all staff who will have access to eSTACs, and will be marked as to **who can** sign & submit STAC-1 & STAC-5's for the school district.
 - * McGuinness will enter all staff listed on the form and invite them to the Portal.
 - * Once the school district staff accepts the invitation, and sets up their Portal account, then McGuinness will give the staff the necessary permissions to each staff to sign according to what is marked on the form.
 - * If you want staff to do entry work, but **NOT** sign & submit STAC's, then do not check off any of the boxes.
- * If the school district has a change in staff or needs to add staff signing privileges, a new form should be completed, and sent to McGuinness.

District Designation of Digital Signatories for eSTACs

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CPSE Chairperson				
I authorize of the following individ district.	uals to use a digital signature to submit e	lectronic STAC records the	eSTACs system	on behalf of our
Name	eMail	Position / Title	STAC-5	STAC-1
		CPSE Chairperson		
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Name	Title	Date		ne completed form to 138 attention eSTACs.

School Districts Who Are Also Providing Preschool Services

- * If you are a district who also provides services to Preschool students, you will have two logins for the Portal.
 - * One login will be your district login. Under your district username you will have access to eSTACs.
 - * The second login will be your provider login. Under your provider username login you will have access to all students assigned to your district, billing etc.
 - * This will be discussed in the CPSE Portal trainings.

Getting Started

Home Page of Portal

- * You will be using the eSTACs tab on your home page.
 - * You will also use the My Account & People tabs.
- * You will also see News Feed articles on the right side of your home page.



Getting Started

- * Each district staff member has a login to the CPSE Portal.
- * That single login can "invite" additional users from their district.
- * Every individual that logs in for a district should have their own username & password.
- * When a person receives an invite, they can then click a link to accept the invitation and create a username and password.

Inviting New Users

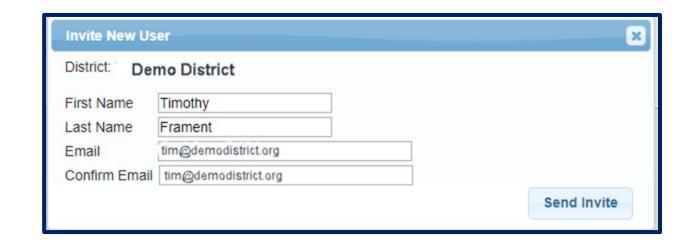


- * Go to People -> District Users
- * Click "Invite New User".



Inviting New Users

- * Enter First Name, Last Name & Email address of new user, and click "Send Invite".
- * CPSE Portal will send an email inviting the new user to join the Portal.
- * The email will come from noreply@jmcguinness.com.



Accepting the Invitation

- * The new user will receive the below email containing a link to join the Portal.
 - The link will come from noreply@CPSEPortal.com.
 - * Check your spam or junk mail if you do not receive the email.

From: noreply@CPSEPortal.com

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:56 PM

Subject: User Invitation

Timothy Frament,

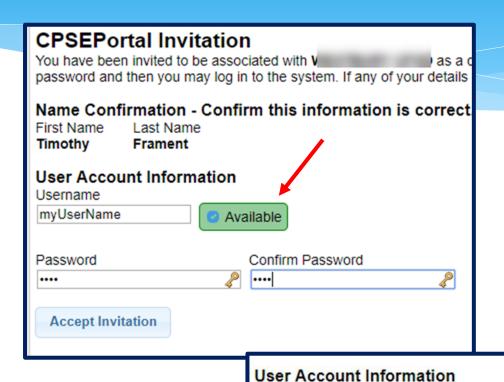
You have been invited to be associated with the district DEMO DISTRICT in the CPSEPortal system. Please follow the link below to confirm this invitation, and associate yourself with this district.

http://localhost/CPSEPortal/People/Invites/DistrictInvitationResponse.ashx?code=db7d8f7ab79a4ddebd037d9c855e36fc

NOTE: This is an automated email and should not be replied to.

Choosing Username and Password

- * The confirmation page allows the user to choose a username and password, and "Accept Invitation".
- * When the individual enters their choice for a username the screen will display whether that name is available or not.



Username

Password

Accept Invitation

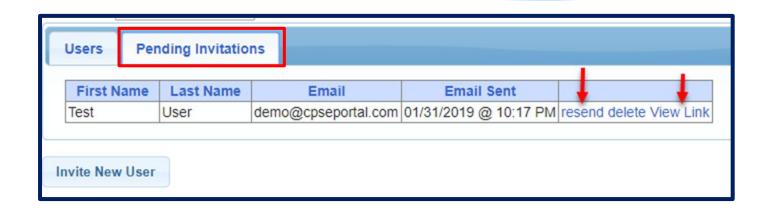
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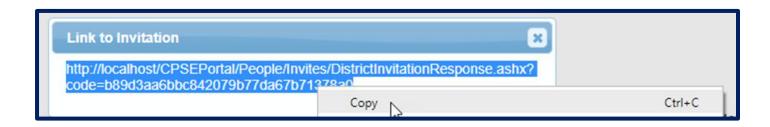
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Confirm Password

Invitation Issues – User did not receive an email

- * Have user check their junk / spam folder.
- * Use the Pending Invitations tab under **People** -> **District Users** to either:
 - * Resend link
 - Copy the link and send under your email address





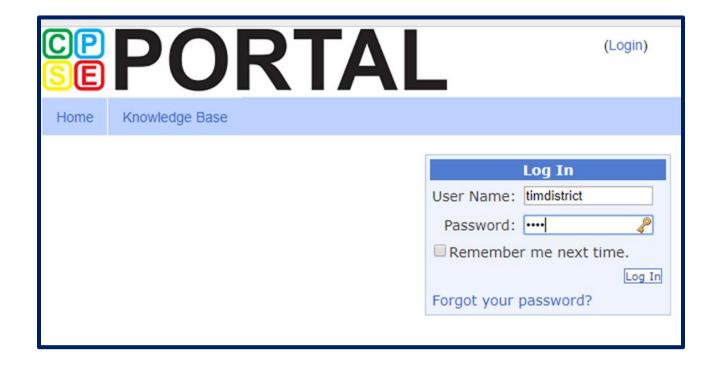
Deleting District Users

- * If a staff member leaves their position, a district user can delete them from the Portal.
- * Go to People -> District Users
- * Select the "Delete" option next to the staff members name.



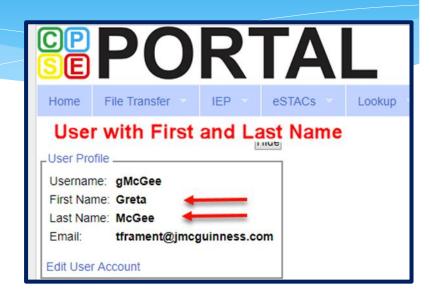
Logging In

- * Use your browser to navigate to https://www.cpseportal.com
- * Enter your User Name and password.



User Profile

- * The user's account should have that individuals first and last name associated with the account.
- * You can easily see whether your account has the first and last name entered by looking user profile panel on the dashboard when you first log in.

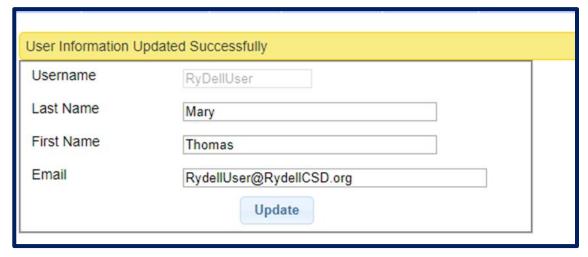




Step 1 – First & Last Name

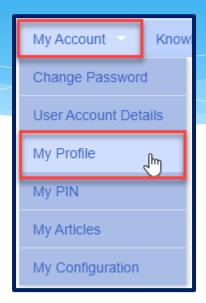
- * Go to My Account -> User Account Details
- * Use the User Account Details page to enter / edit your Last name and First name for your account.
- * Click "Update" to save the changes





Step 2 - Digital Signature & Title

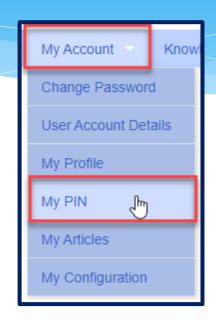
- * Go to My Account -> My Profile
- * On the Personal and Professional tab, ensure that your first and last name are correct.
- * Enter your Signature & Title by typing out your "signature" exactly as it would be if you signed your name with a pen. Include any punctuation, titles, etc. that you include when you sign your name for CPSE related documents.
- * Click "Update" to save your changes.





Step 3 – Creating Your Pin for Digital Signatures

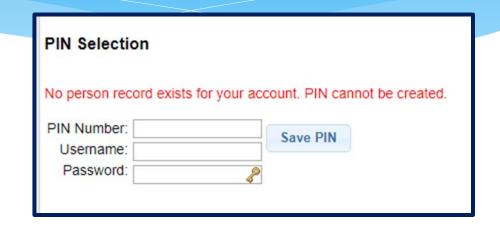
- * Go to My Account -> My PIN
- * To create your PIN:
 - * 1 Choose a PIN and type it in the PIN Number field.
 - * 2 Enter your username that you log in with (should be prefilled).
 - 3 Enter your password that you use to login to CPSE Portal.
 - * 4 Click "Save PIN".





Digital Signature – Creating PIN Problems

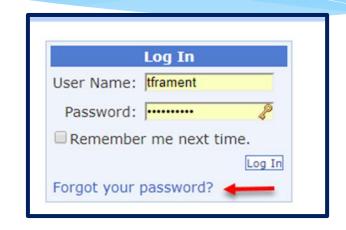
- * The message "No person record exists for your account. PIN cannot be created." indicates that you did not perform Step #1 Entering your first and last name for the user account.
- * The message "Invalid Password. Try Again" indicates that what you are entering into "Password" field is not the correct password that you use to log into CPSE Portal. Make sure that you are not entering your PIN a second time in the Password field.



PIN Selection	
You have already chosen a PIN. Invalid Password. Try again.	
PIN Number: Username: RyDellUser Password:	Change PIN

Forgotten Passwords

- * User can click "Forgot your password?" on login screen.
- * Enter your username and click "Submit".
- * An email with a new password will be sent to your email address.

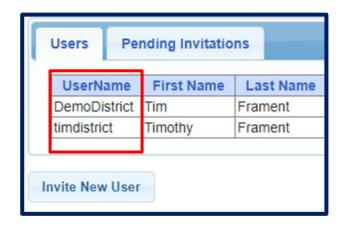




Forgotten Usernames

* Any district user (or County user) can use the district users screen to view all the users and see what their username is.

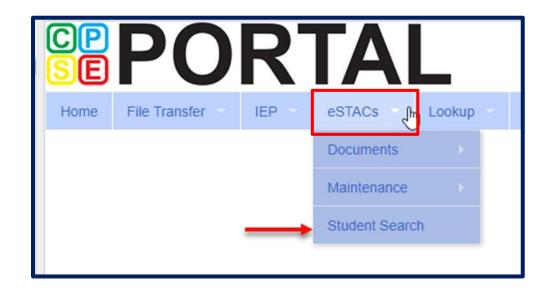
* Go to People -> District Users



eSTACs Entering Children

eSTACs Student Search

* Go to eSTACs -> Student Search

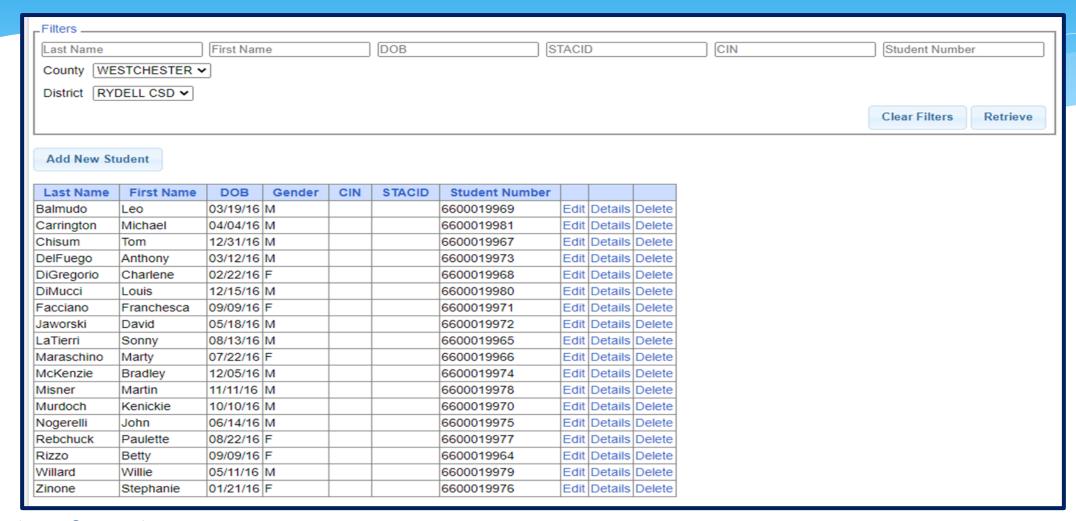


Student Search



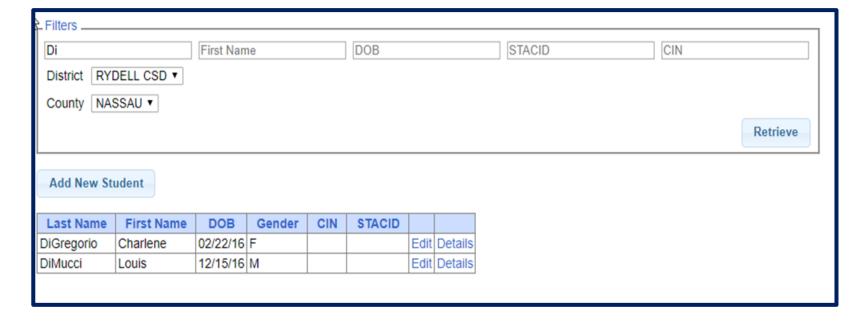
- * ALWAYS search to make sure the child isn't already in the system.
- * The fields above are used as filters to find a specific child. You can search based on any combination of fields.
- * Searching with no filters specified will return all children. Click "Retrieve".

Student Search – no Filters



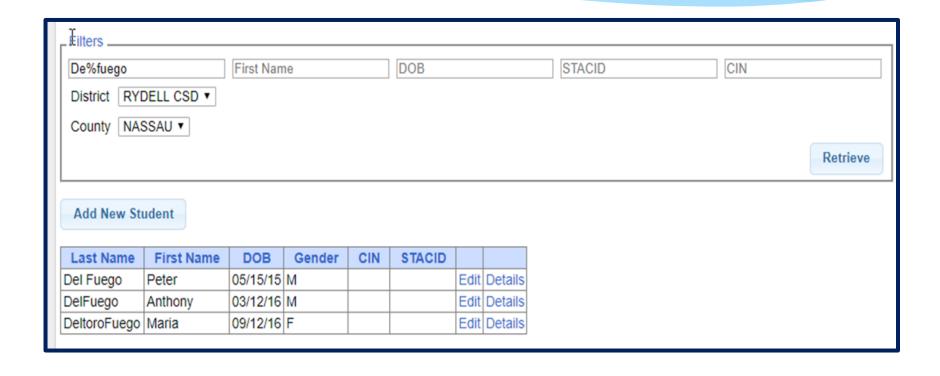
Student Search – Partial Name

* For the first and last name you can enter the first few letters and search to find all students that name start with those letters.



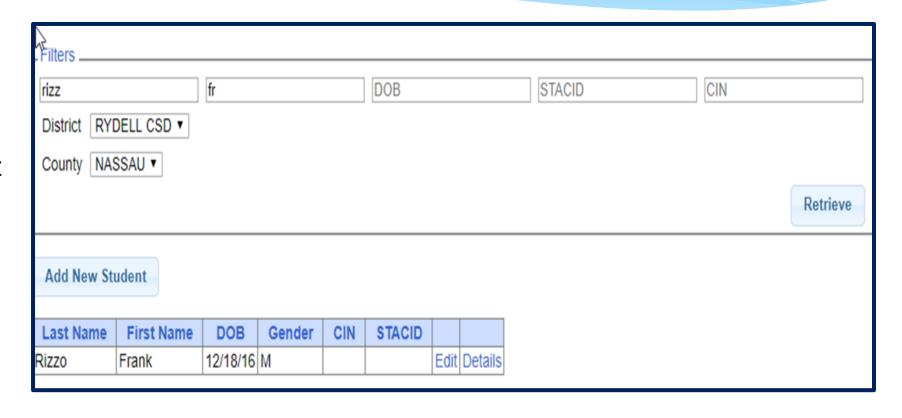
Student Search - Wildcard

* Use the percent sign (%) as a wildcard.



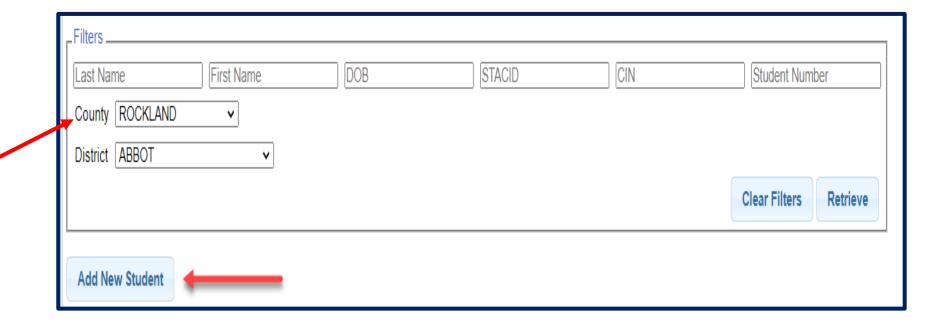
Student Search – Multiple Fields

* You can search for both first and last name as well as partial first and last names.



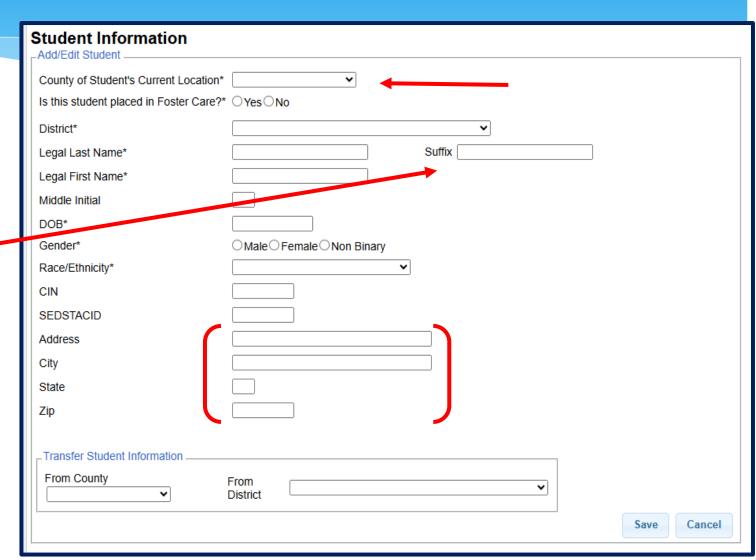
Adding a Student

- Go to the Student Search screen.
- Verify student is not already in system. This is very important so you do not create duplicate children.
- If you are a SD in 2 or counties, make sure you are choosing the correct county.
- * Click on "Add New Student" button.



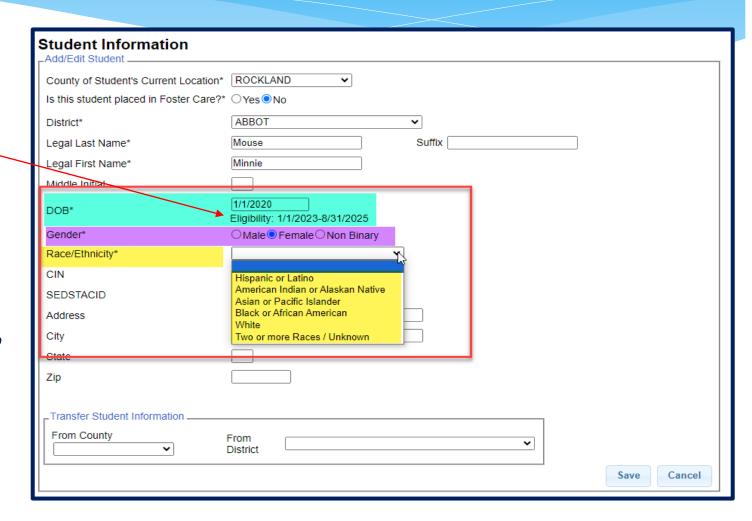
Student Information

- Field with an asterisk (*) next to their label are required in order to save.
- * When creating a child:
 - * If the child is a Jr/II/III, please enter this information in the Suffix box. Do not include this with the child's last name.
- * Herkimer County **requires** the address of the child.
- Other fields should be entered if the information is known.



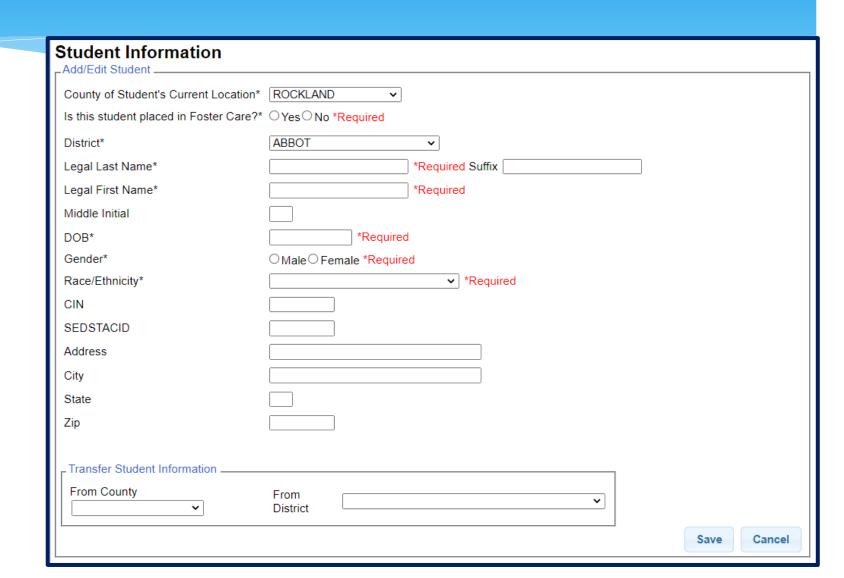
Student Information

- * When you enter the DOB, the dates of eligibility will populate.
- * Gender now contains "Non Binary" if needed.
- * Race/Ethnicity field contains "Two or more Races / Unknown" if you do not know the race.



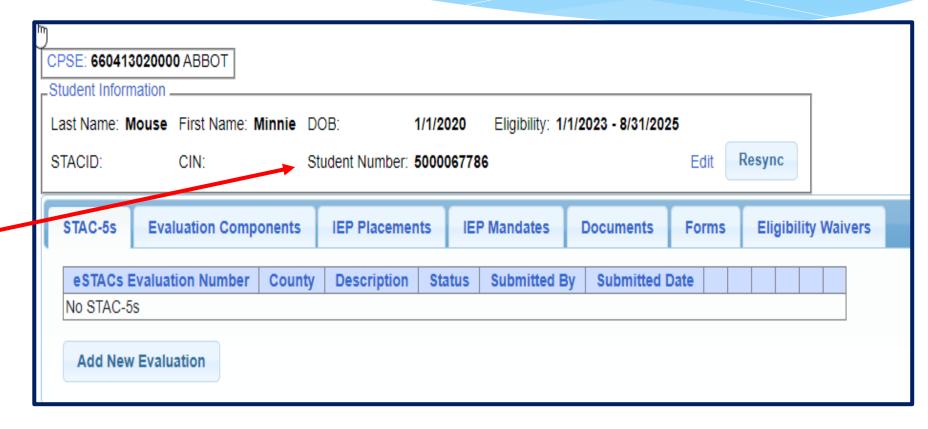
Saving Incomplete Entry

- Clicking "Save" without all mandatory fields entered will result in labels indicating the missing data.
- * If you do not enter the child's address, you will not be able to submit the STAC-5 or STAC-1.
- Remember to enter the address of the child or you will receive an error when signing & submitting.



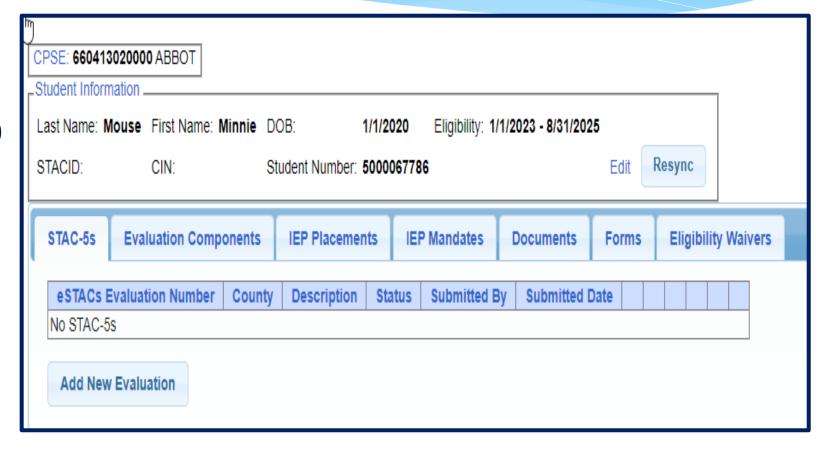
Student Details

- * Upon saving a new student, the system will take you to the student details page.
- * Once student is ____ created, each child is given a Student Number.



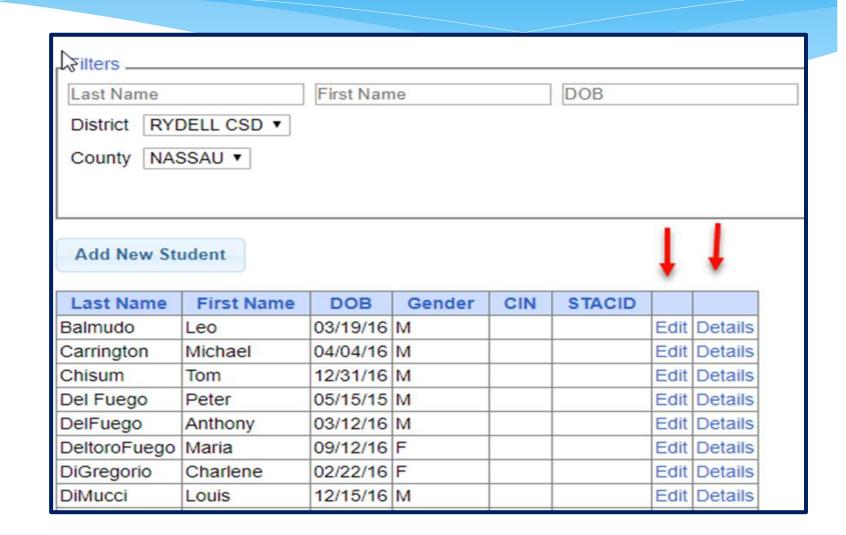
Student Details

- Top section shows child demographic information.
- * Lower section has tabs for:
 - STAC-5s (one row per STAC-5)
 - Evaluation Components (one row per evaluation component)
 - IEP Placements (one row per STAC-1)
 - * IEP Mandates (one row per mandated service on IEP)
 - Documents (uploaded documents for student)
 - * Forms
 - Eligibility Waivers



Editing Existing Student

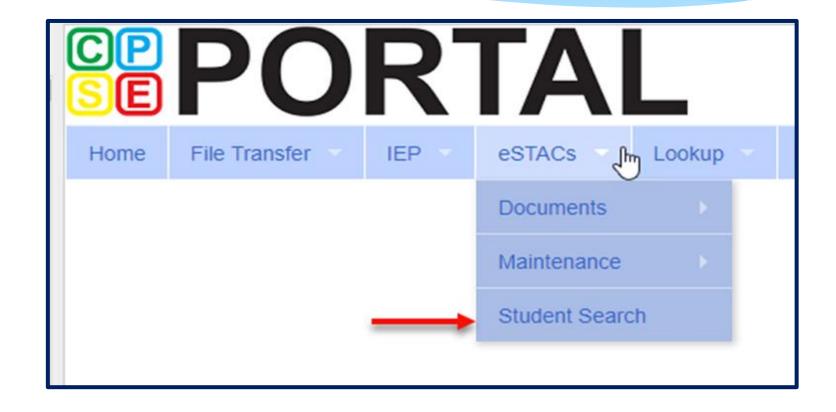
- * Search for student
- * Click "Edit" to edit student demographics (name, address, etc.)
- * Click "Details" to get to student details page with evaluations, services, documents, etc.



eSTACs Entering STAC-5

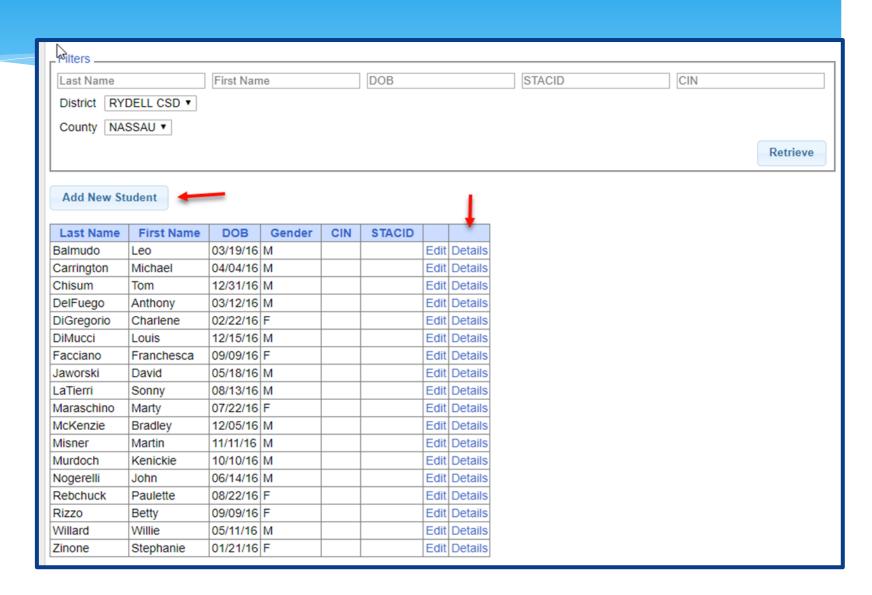
eSTACs Student Search

* Go to eSTACs -> Student Search



Student Search for Student Details

- * Always search for the student first.
- * If student is already in system, click the "Details" link for that student.
- * If student does not exist, click "Add New Student".



Adding a New Evaluation

- * Select the "STAC-5s" tab.
- * Click the "Add New Evaluation" button.



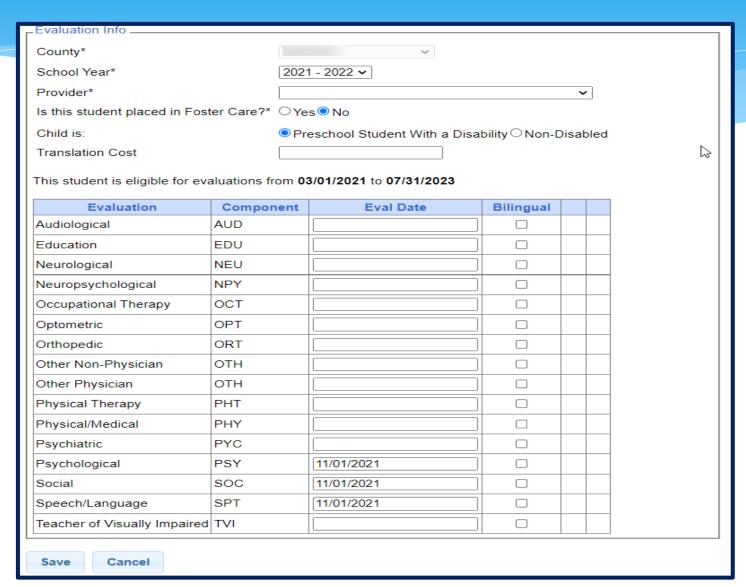
eSTACs vs Paper STAC-5

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Counseling	CSL													
Functional Vision	FUV													
Teacher of Visually Impaired	TVI													
Neuropsychological	NPY													

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			Counseling	CSL			
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		STUDENT	Neurological Neuropsychological	NEU			
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	□ ND - Non-Disabled	 American Indian or Alaskan Native 	Orthopedic	ORT			
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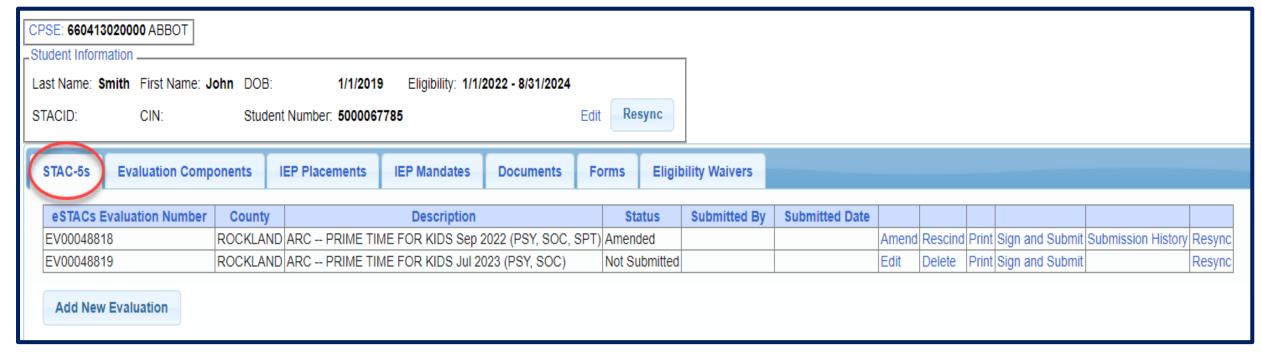
Complete Fields Related to Evaluation

- Enter information regarding evaluation.
- * Enter the exact evaluation dates.
- * If evaluation is Bilingual then checkoff the Bilingual checkbox.
- * All fields labeled with an asterisk (*) must be filled in to save.



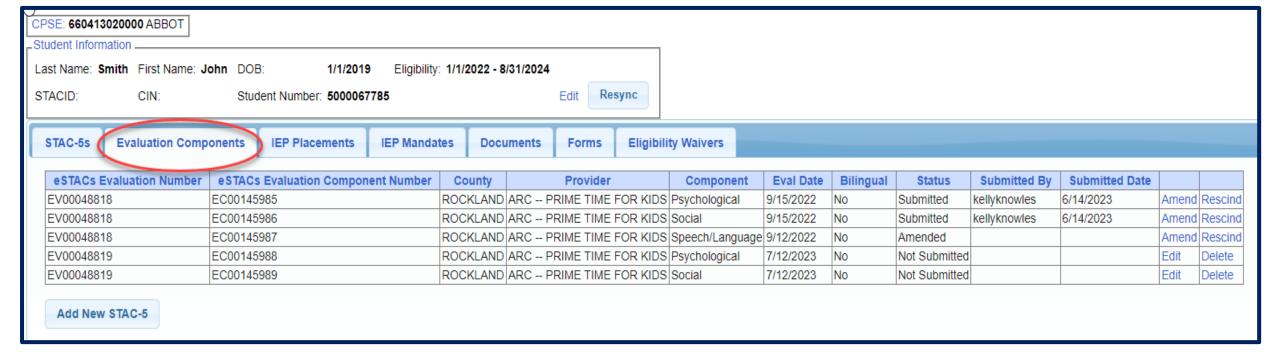
Evaluations – STAC-5 Tab

- * There are two tabs for Evaluations:
- * STAC-5s Tab shows one line per STAC-5 group of components.



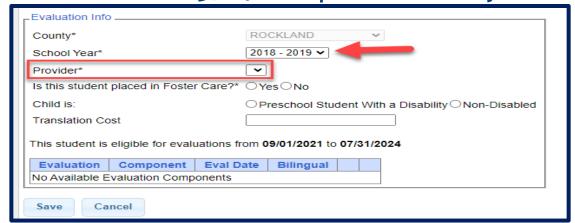
Evaluation Components Tab

- * The second tab for Evaluations is the Evaluation Components.
- * Evaluation Components Tab shows one line per component.



Evaluations Crossing Over School Years

- * If you have evaluations and:
 - * One evaluation was completed in the 24/25 SY then that evaluation will be a paper STAC-5 for the 24/25 SY, and sent to the county.
 - * If other evaluations are for July 1, 2025 dates and forward then enter those evaluations into eSTACs under the 25/26 SY.
 - * If you try to enter evaluations for same student with different years, you will get an error.
- * You cannot add any evaluations for 23/24 and prior school years.



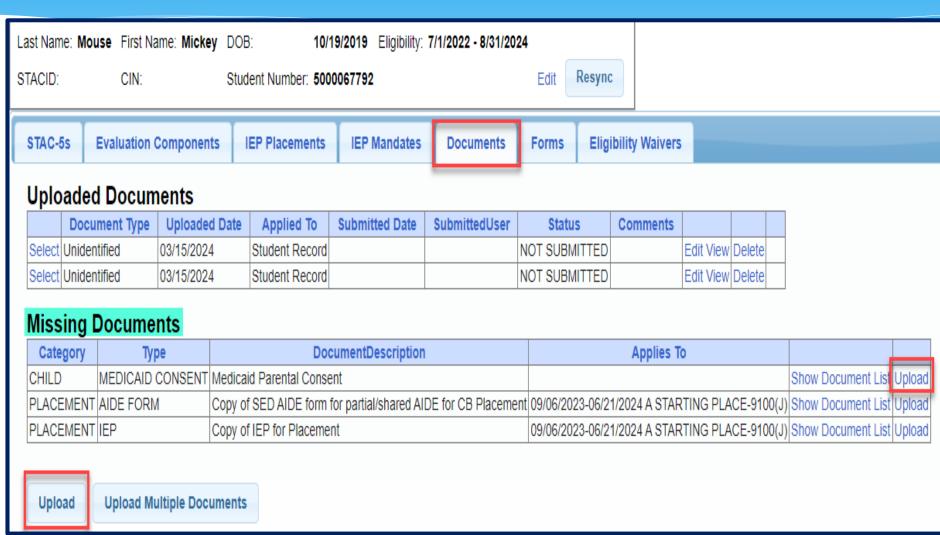
eSTACs Uploading Documents

Documents Required for Evaluations – Herkimer County

- * Herkimer County requires the following documents to be uploaded, before you can sign and submit your STAC-5:
 - * A Medicaid Parental Consent:
 - * A signed Medicaid Parental Consent or,
 - * An Unable to Obtain Medicaid Consent.
 - * A signed Consent to Evaluate
 - * An Evaluation Justification Letter:
 - * Only needed if 2 evaluations need to be completed within the same school year for the same type of evaluation when completing the STAC-5.

Uploading a Document

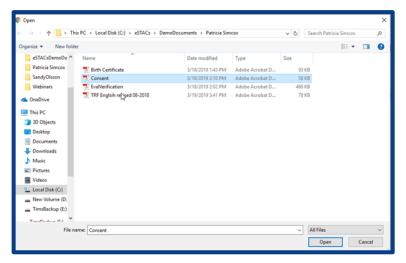
- Select Documents tab on Student Details screen.
- * This will also show any Missing Documents that need to be uploaded.
- * Click "Upload" button at bottom of screen or "Upload" at the end of the missing document line.



Uploading a Document

- Click "Choose File" button.
- * Browse to the file location and select the file.
- * Click the "Open" button on the file dialog
- * The filename will appear next to "Choose File" button.
- * Click "Upload".

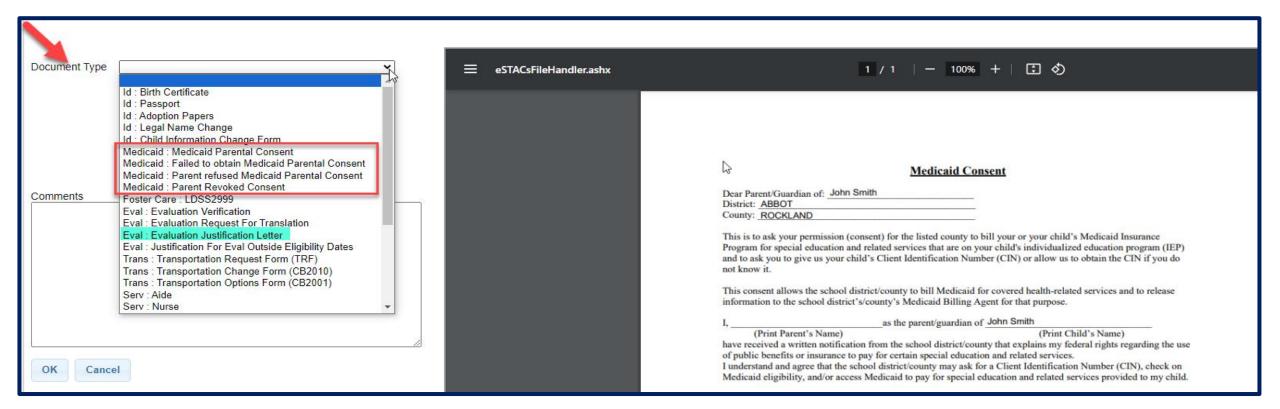






Indicate Document Type

- * Right hand side shows the document.
- * Left hand side shows fields to specify what type of document it is, as well as other related fields specific to the type of document.



eSTACs Sign and Submit

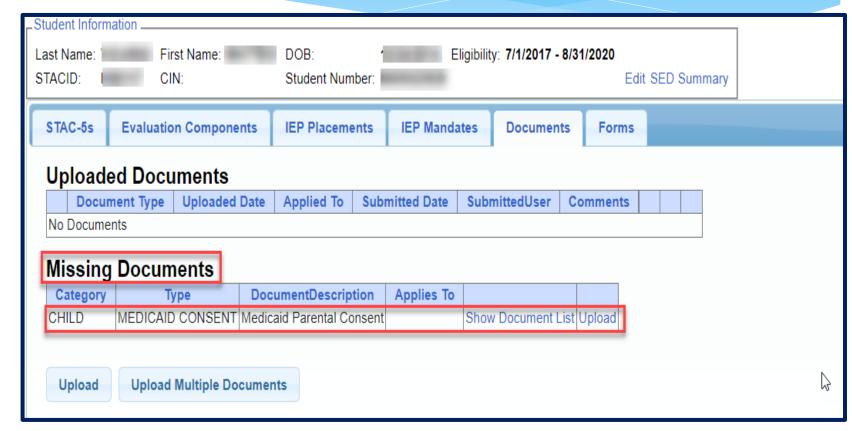
Sign and Submit Evaluation – Signing Per Student

- * Once all documents have been uploaded, you can now "Sign and Submit" the STAC-5.
- * The Status, Submitted By & Submitted Date columns will now show a status of submitted, who submitted the STAC-5, and the date submitted.
- * This will now be sent to the county for review.



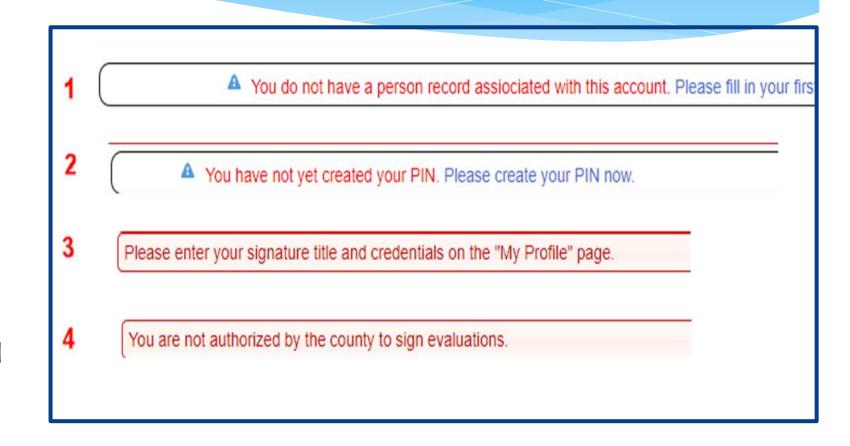
Submitting Evaluations Error Messages – Missing Document(s)

- * If all of your documents are not uploaded, you will not be able to sign and submit.
- * Your error will tell you what documents need to be uploaded.
- * You can also see the missing documents on the documents tab, under Missing Documents.



Submitting Evaluations Error Messages

- 1. You did not create your first and last name.
- 2. You did not create a PIN for your Portal account.
- 3. You did not create your signature and title.
- 4. Your district's authorization paperwork was not sent to McGuinness or you are not listed on the paperwork to sign and submit evaluations.



Sign and Submit Evaluations – Signing All Unsubmitted Evaluations at One Time

- * Go to eSTACs -> Submit -> Submit Evaluations
- * This grid displays unsubmitted evaluations based on selected filters.
- * Rows where Status = "OK To Submit" will have a checkbox.
- * Rows where Status = "Problems Found" will not have a checkbox.
- * Mark the checkbox on the rows that you wish to submit to the County or click "Select All".
- * Click "Submit" to submit the marked evaluations to the County.

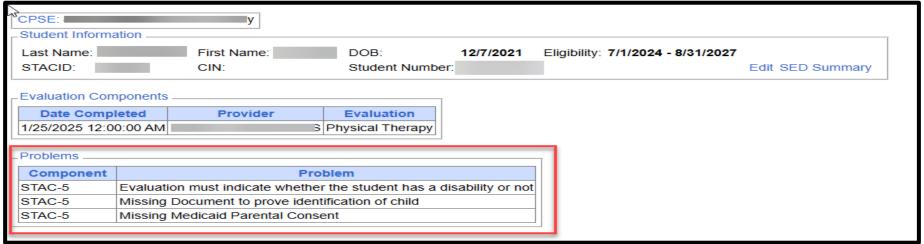




Cannot Submit – Problems Found

 Click on the Problems Found and the problems will populate as to why you cannot sign & submit.





Forms

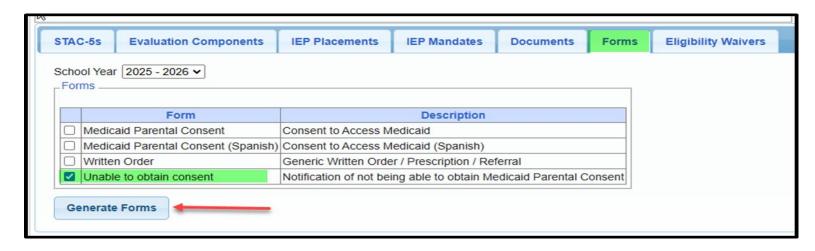
Forms Tab

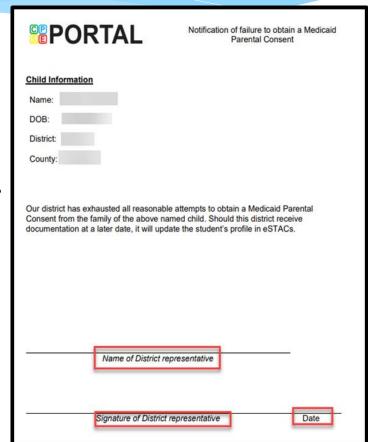
- * The Forms tab has a list of generic forms that when chosen, will populate with the child's information on them.
 - * The Medicaid Parental Consent form will be on Herkimer County letterhead and is not generic.



Forms Tab

- * If you could not obtain a Medicaid Consent, you can click on the Unable to Obtain Consent form.
- * Complete form & upload as Failed to Obtain Medicaid Parental Consent.
- * Once you receive the Medicaid Consent back from the parent(s), upload the consent into the child's documents page.





Eligibility Waivers

Eligibility Waivers Tab

- * If you have an evaluation or services that are outside of the eligibility dates, you can choose the Date Type, enter date and click "Add". You can then upload any supporting documentation.
- * You may need to use this when a child is transitioning from EI into Preschool.
- * Always contact the county first so see if this is an option.



Evaluation Amendments

Amending Evaluations

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What needs to be changed	What to do			
Entered the wrong County				
Entered the wrong District	Rescind entire STAC-5 and submit a new one			
Entered the wrong School Year	Nesona entre ouvie o ana sabilità a new one			
Entered the wrong Provider for every Component				
Entered the wrong Evaluation Component	Rescind the specific Evaluation Component, create a			
Entered the wrong Provider for one Component	new STAC-5 with the correct component			
Needs to add a new Discipline(s)	Add a new STAC-5 with just the new Discipline(s)			
Entered the wrong Evaluation Date	Amond the specific Evaluation Component			
Entered the wrong Bilingual Indicator	- Amend the specific Evaluation Component			

Closing

Herkimer County Timeline

* June 13, 2025:

* Herkimer County will **no longer accept any 25/26 STAC's**. You will however continue to send your 24/25 paper STAC's to the county.

* June 18, 2025:

* McGuinness will migrate all of the children that are in the Herkimer County Preschool system over into eSTACs. Each district will only be able to see their own children. McGuinness will also bring over any 25/26 services that have already been entered into Preschool, and any Medicaid Consents that the county has received.

* June 19, 2025:

- * School districts will begin entering STAC's into eSTACs.
- * All prior year STAC-1's (24/25, 23/24, 22/23 etc.), send paper STAC to the county to enter or amend in their Preschool system. Prior years will not be turned on in eSTACs and you will not be able to enter any STACs.

Getting Support

- * CPSE Portal Address (you may want to bookmark): https://www.cpseportal.com
- * If you need help you can contact Kelly Knowles at Kknowles@jmcguinness.com
- * After you are familiar with the Portal, and you need help, send an email to eSTACs@CPSEPortal.com.
 - * Please include your district name, which County you work with and a description of your issue.
 - * Do **not** use child's name
 - * Use Student # or STAC ID #
- * If you would like to speak on the phone, please state so in your email along and include your phone number and best times to reach you. Our office is closed from 12-1:00 daily for lunch.