

School Age: Calculating Educational Environment/Placement

Calculations

Step 1: Percent of instruction time *not* spent with non-disabled peers = (minutes per week spent outside of regular classroom **divided by total available minutes in a school week**) times 100.

Step 2: Percent of instruction time spent *with* non-disabled peers = 100% minus percent of instruction time not spent with non-disabled peers.

Look at the number of minutes a student is removed from the general education classroom to receive special education instruction. This does not include OT or PT but it does include speech.

RG = >80% in regular school program with non-disabled peers

RR = 40% to 79.99% in the regular school program with non-disabled peers

SC = <40% in the regular preschool program with non-disabled peers

Example 1

Speech 1 hr/wk	60 minutes
Resource Math	250 minutes
PT	60 minutes
Total	310 minutes outside the regular classroom for instruction (PT not included)
310/2100	14.76% of time outside the regular classroom for instruction
100-14.76 = 85.24%	Code: RG

Example 2

Speech 2 hr/wk	120 minutes
Resource Math	300 minutes
Resource Lit	250 minutes
Total	670 minutes outside the regular classroom for instruction
670/2100 = 31.90%	of time outside the regular classroom for instruction
100-31.90 = 68.1%	Code: RR

Example 3

Co-taught minutes per week	250.00
Speech 2 hr/wk	120 minutes
Total	120 Minutes outside the regular classroom for instruction (Co-taught minutes are with non-disabled peers and would not be counted as time not spent with non-disabled peers).
120/2100	5.71% of time outside the regular classroom for instruction
100-5.71 = 94.29%	Code: RG

Example 4

Co-taught minutes per week	250.00
Total	0 Minutes outside the regular classroom for instruction
0 /2100	0 % of time outside the regular classroom for instruction
100- 0 = 100.00%	Code: RG

Some questions have come up about the total special education minutes on the IEP and the least restrictive environment (LRE) continuum. There are differences and LRE cannot be calculated based on total special education minutes.

- When indicating on the IEP the total amount of special education minutes include all services provided. If the student is in a co-taught classroom half of the co-taught time is included in the overall total of special education minutes of the IEP.
- LRE is based solely on instructional minutes (including speech). OT and PT are not part of the calculation.