

Approved Independent School Technical Assistance Reviews (ISTA)

May 15, 2024

Background and Process

- In fall 2023, AOE collected assurances from currently approved IS designed to determine compliance with new Rule 2200 (eff. 7/1/2023)
 - On review of results, AOE determined a collection of evidence, beyond assurances, was necessary to ensure understanding of and compliance with rules, particularly special education rules
- AOE sent the [ISTA form](#) and instructions in February to all approved IS with due date of 3/18
- AOE granted several extension requests with final due date of 3/27
- Staff conducted an initial internal review of submitted responses and materials in April
- Detailed review and corresponding technical assistance is ongoing as of 5/15

Update and Current Work

- Three approved IS opted out of new Rule 2200 requirements in response to ISTA and requested to change status to not accept public tuition
- Two schools failed to provide a response to the ISTA and will be subject to a recommendation for non-renewal/revocation of approved status
- 51 schools will receive additional TA to address two common implementation problems:
 - Record retention and disposition policy elements
 - Admissions policy elements related to collection of special education services information
- ISTA will remain open until subsequent review determines the above elements have been corrected. AOE reserves the option to bring recommendations for suspension, revocation or non-renewal until the conclusion of ISTA.