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|  | ESE Logo | **COORDINATED PROGRAM REVIEW**  **MID-CYCLE REPORT**  **District:** **Agawam Public Schools**  **MCR Onsite Date:** **04/11/2017**  **Program Area: Special Education** |
|  |  | Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.  Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education |
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| **SE Criterion # 3A - Special requirements for students on the autism spectrum** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that whenever an evaluation indicates that a student has a disability on the autism spectrum, the IEP Team considers and specifically addresses the following: 1) the verbal and nonverbal communication needs of the student; 2) the need to develop social interaction skills and proficiencies; 3) the needs resulting from the student's unusual responses to sensory experiences; 4) the needs resulting from resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines; 5) the needs resulting from engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements; 6) the need for any positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports to address any behavioral difficulties resulting from autism spectrum disorder; and 7) other needs resulting from the student's disability that impact progress in the general curriculum, including social and emotional development.  A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that the Team uses a checklist to guide the discussion on the seven considerations and documents any identified needs in the IEP, Team meeting summary notes, Parent Notification Letter (N1), or Behavior Plans. |

| **SE Criterion # 13 - Progress Reports and content** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that progress reports are provided at least as often as parents are informed of the progress of non-disabled students and consistently address student progress towards annual IEP goals.  Where a student's eligibility terminates because the student has graduated from secondary school or exceeded the age of eligibility, the district provides the student with a summary of his or her academic achievement and functional performance, including recommendations on how to assist the student in meeting his or her postsecondary goals. |

| **SE Criterion # 14 - Review and revision of IEPs** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records indicated that at least annually, on or before the anniversary date of the IEP, the IEP Team convenes to consider the student's progress and to review, revise, or develop a new IEP or refer the student for a re-evaluation, as appropriate. The Team reviews and revises the student's IEP to address any lack of expected progress towards the annual goals and in the general curriculum.    A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that in cases when the district and parent agree to make changes to a student's IEP between annual IEP meetings, the district documents these changes with an amendment. Parents are consistently provided with a revised copy of the IEP with amendments incorporated. |

| **SE Criterion # 18A - IEP development and content** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that upon determining that the student is eligible for special education, IEP Teams develop the IEP, addressing all elements of the current IEP format provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Staff interviews indicated that the IEP is not changed outside of the Team meeting.  A review of student records also indicated that IEP Teams specifically address the skills and proficiencies needed to avoid and respond to bullying, harassment, or teasing for students whose disability affects social skills development, when the student's disability makes him or her vulnerable to bullying, harassment or teasing, and for students identified with a disability on the autism spectrum. IEP Teams document their considerations of the skills and proficiencies needed by students in the Student Strengths and Weaknesses, Goals, and the Additional Information sections of the IEP. |

| **SE Criterion # 18B - Determination of placement; provision of IEP to parent** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that IEP Teams develop the IEP prior to determining the appropriate placement to deliver the student's identified services and accommodations. Record review also demonstrated that placements are based on the IEP, including the types of related services, types of settings, types of service providers and location where services are to be provided.    Additionally, the parent is provided with a summary at the conclusion of the IEP Team meeting which includes a completed IEP service delivery grid describing the types and amounts of special education and related services proposed by the charter school and a statement of the major goal areas associated with these services. Two copies of the proposed IEP and placement, along with the Notice of Proposed School District Action (N1), are then provided to the parent within two calendar weeks of the Team meeting. |

| **SE Criterion # 20 - Least restrictive program selected** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| A review of student records and staff interviews indicated that when a student is removed from the general education classroom, the Team consistently states why the student's removal is considered critical to his or her program and the basis for the Team's conclusion that educating the student in a less restrictive environment, with the use of supplementary aids and services, could not be achieved satisfactorily. |

| **SE Criterion # 26 - Parent participation in meetings** |
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| **Rating:** |
| Implemented |
| **Basis for Findings:** |
| The district provided the special education student roster as requested by the Department. |