

# Summary of Performance:

A Parent / Guardian's Guide to Success

## Video Transcript

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Host: "Hello, and welcome! Today, we're discussing the Summary of Performance, an essential document for students transitioning out of high school. Let's dive into what it is and how it can be beneficial for your child's future."

Host: "A Summary of Performance, or SOP, is a document that provides an overview of a student's academic achievements and functional performance, along with recommendations to assist in meeting post-secondary goals. It's a summary of a student's ability in one document aimed at aiding the transition from high school to further education, employment, or independent living."

Host: "SOPs are typically written when a student with an IEP is about to graduate from high school or age out of special education services. This usually occurs before the student turns 21, depending on state regulations."

Host: "The Summary of Performance is created by the student's IEP team, which includes teachers, special education professionals, and other relevant staff. It is a collaborative effort to ensure the document reflects the student's capabilities and needs accurately."

Host: "The SOP should be used as a resource for the student's next steps beyond high school. Whether applying to colleges, seeking vocational training, or entering the workforce, the SOP provides valuable insights and documentation of the student's skills and accommodations that may still be needed. The student will have full access to their SOP which can be used to transfer relevant information to lead to participation in their post-secondary plans."

Host: "When students reach the age of majority, which is 18 years old in most states, they become their own educational guardians and have the right to make decisions about their education. This includes consent to release the Summary of Performance. It's important for these students to understand the content and purpose of the SOP and to use it proactively in their transition planning."

Host: "Even after your child reaches the age of majority, your guidance remains crucial. Help them understand their SOP, encourage them to share it with future educators or employers if they feel comfortable doing so, and continue to support them in planning for their future post-secondary goals."

Host: "If you have any questions about the SOP, its content, or how to use it, reach out to your child's IEP team or school counselors. They're there to ensure you and your child feel confident and informed about the transition process."

Host: "The Summary of Performance is a valuable tool in opening doors to future opportunities. By staying engaged and informed, you can help your child transition smoothly into the next chapter of their life. Thank you for being such an important part of their journey!"

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