

The Individualized Education Program (IEP)

An IEP is a plan that describes the special education instruction, supports, and services a child will need to make progress and to be successful in school. Each IEP is designed to meet the specific needs of a child. The IEP are part of the special education law, or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

IEPs are a part of public education. An IEP is developed for eligible students who attend public school. Students in private schools may receive special education and related services a *Service Plan*.

Before a child attends school, children birth to three years of age may qualify for services through Early Intervention. Once a child turns three, they may qualify for special education and related services documented on an IEP through their local public school district. After school, eligible students will transition from an IEP to other disability services.



An IEP provides a description of the individualized services that you child will receive to have access to the general curriculum. Your child might receive accommodations, like extended time on tests, or related services, such as speech-language therapy.

An IEP allows providers parents and their child certain legal protections. It allows parents and their children to be involved in decisions that impact the education and learning goals.

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