

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Information



What is an IEP? An individualized Education Plan is a written, detailed, legally binding plan for your child, developed by a collaborative team of educators in order to deliver customized education to the unique needs of your child based on their present level of performance.

What are the goals? *Annual* goals for the IEP will tell you: the who, the behavior, the criterion, the conditions, and the time frame. Goals will reflect academic functioning, social behavior, adaptive behavior or life skills. The goals are relevant to your child and will vary depending on their educational experiences.

What is in the IEP? An IEP contains the following elements:

- Statement of student's present level of performance
 - Statement of measurable *annual* goals and instructional methods (We will re-evaluate your child every year)
 - Statement indicating student's progress
 - Statement of special education/supplementary aids/services
 - An explanation, as needed, as to why the student will not participate in general education classes
 - Modifications or accommodations for the student to reach their full potential
 - Transitional services, as needed
 - Start date, duration, frequency and location** of services
- **Location of services means in the *least restrictive learning environment* **OR** the most enabling environment for the student

Evaluation → Eligibility → IEP Starts → Placement → Instruction → Annual Review

RESOURCES

The Council for Exceptional Children – Provides information and advocacy for children with disabilities and/or gifts and talents
1-888-232-7733
service@exceptionalchildren.org
<https://exceptionalchildren.org>

PA Department of Education
717-783-6788
<https://www.education.pa.gov>

ADA.gov
ADA.gov has everything you need to understand your rights & responsibilities under the ADA
1-800-514-0301

Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Provides vocational services to persons with disabilities
717-787-5279
dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr

You + Us = Team

Since no one professional possesses all of the resources or skills to develop the appropriate interventions and educational programs for your child, there is a team that works together to develop the best plan for your child. This includes YOU, the expert on your child and their needs!

This can be an overwhelming process, so this team is committed to working with you on any revisions at your request. YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS PROCESS. We are here to take a unified approach to provide you and your child the necessary support.

Who is the team? You, your Student, Teachers (both General Education and Special Education), Representative from the school district, Someone who can explain the evaluation results, Representative from a Career/Technical school (if applicable), An Advocate to advise you or anyone else who will be able to add information about the student's educational experience - this could be a family member, close family friend, a previous teacher