

What is an IEP

An IEP is short for what's called an Individualized Education Plan. All students who have been diagnosed as having a disability must have access to obtaining an IEP.

Why?

Because it is your right, as a student with a disability, to get the best and most unique education possible. Your disability should not and will not limit your future if you do not let it, and having and using an IEP can be an important step in that process.

Parts of an IEP

An IEP has 14 major parts, but there are some that are more important than others. Here's a brief synopsis:

Section 1 -- Basic Information (like name and address)

Section 2 -- A Statement of your future dreams

Section 3 -- This is your profile (think Facebook). It's a snapshot of who you are as a person and student.

Section 6 -- These are your annual academic goals. Each goal is specifically designed for you on a basis of what your academic needs are. In the past, this is where you have spent most of your time thinking about your IEP.

Section 7 -- This is the section set aside to help you plan for your future. If you had an IEP in Elementary or Middle School, you didn't have to worry about this section. As a high schooler, now you do. This section is what this website is really all about.

Section 8 -- This is a list of any "accommodations" or "modifications" you use as a student. This might include things like having tests read to you or having extended time on assignments.