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# The Top 10 Basics of Special Education

# This module looks at:

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10...

... Steps in the  
special education  
process

5...

... Acronyms  
to know

5...

... Key terms  
defined

# 10 Steps: The Basics of Special Education Process under IDEA

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**Step 1.** Child is identified  
as possibly needing  
special education and  
related services

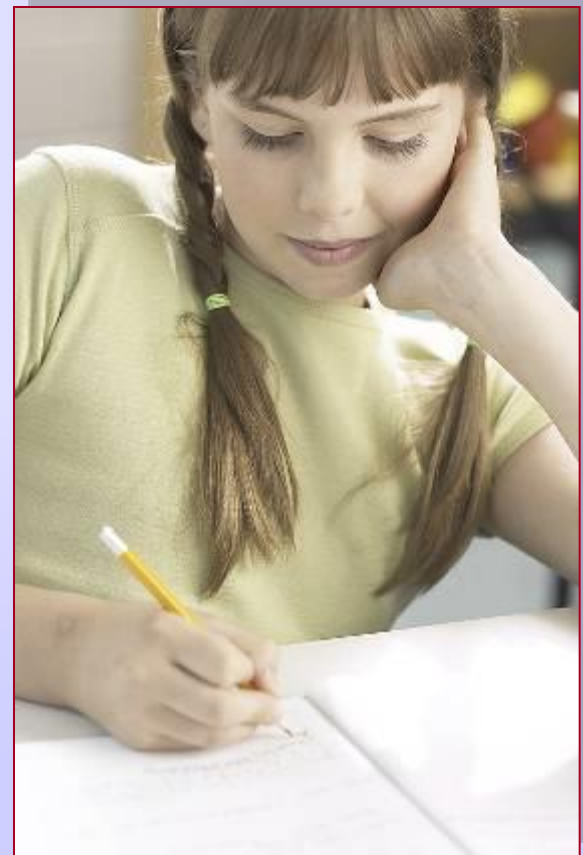


# 10 Steps: The Basics of Special Education Process under IDEA

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Step 1. Child is identified as possibly needing special education and related services

Step 2. Child is evaluated



# 10 Steps:

## The Basics of Special Education Process under IDEA

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**Step 3.** Eligibility is decided

*Parents are part of the group that decides eligibility*

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Step 3. Eligibility is  
decided

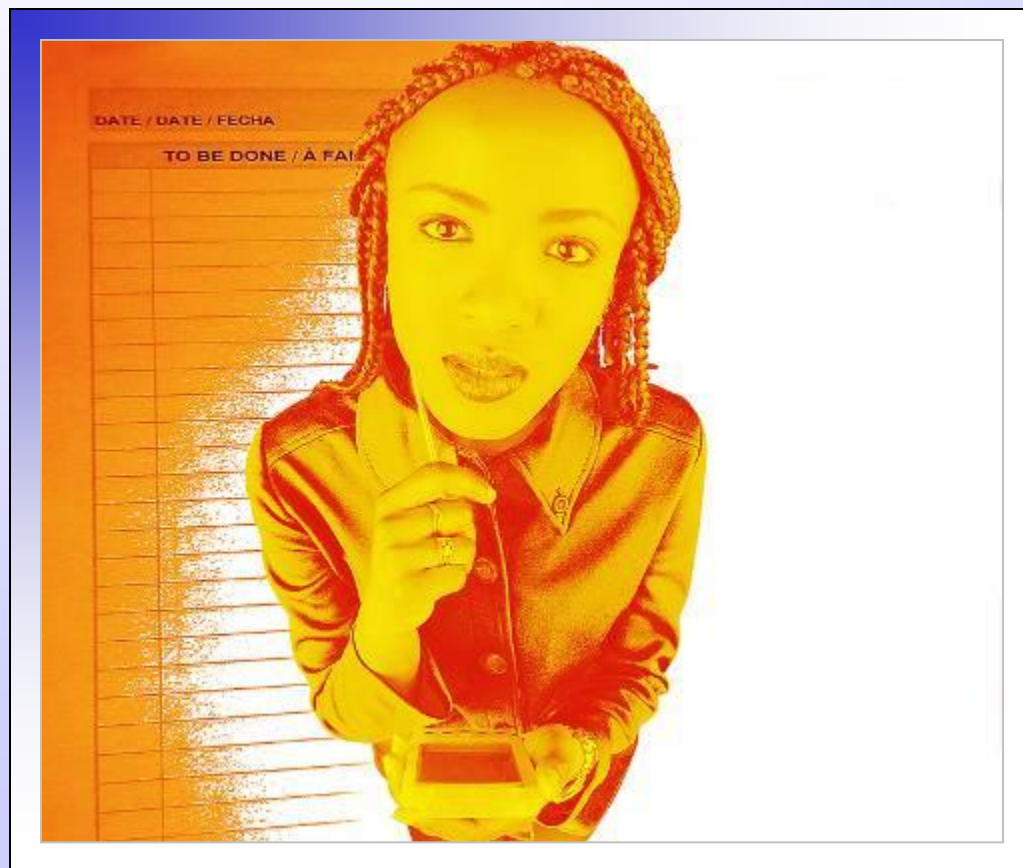
*Yes*

**Step 4.** Child is found  
eligible for services



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Step 5. IEP  
meeting is  
scheduled

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**Step 6.** IEP meeting is held, and the IEP is written



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**Step 7.** Services are provided

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**Step 8.** Progress  
is measured and  
reported to  
parents

# 10 Steps:

## The Basics of Special Education Process under IDEA

**Step 9.** IEP is reviewed



**Step 10.** Child is reevaluated





# Acronyms Defined

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Guess what 5  
acronyms are  
*so* important,  
they made this  
list



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# Acronyms Defined

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“Yes, please  
bring me the  
alphabet soup.”

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IDEA

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

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Our nation's special education law





# Acronyms Defined

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FAPE

*Free Appropriate Public Education*

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What States must make available  
to all eligible children with disabilities



# Acronyms Defined

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**FAPE**



**Free**

# **S** Acronyms Defined

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**FAPE**



**A**ppropriate



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**FAPE**



**Public**



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**FAPE**

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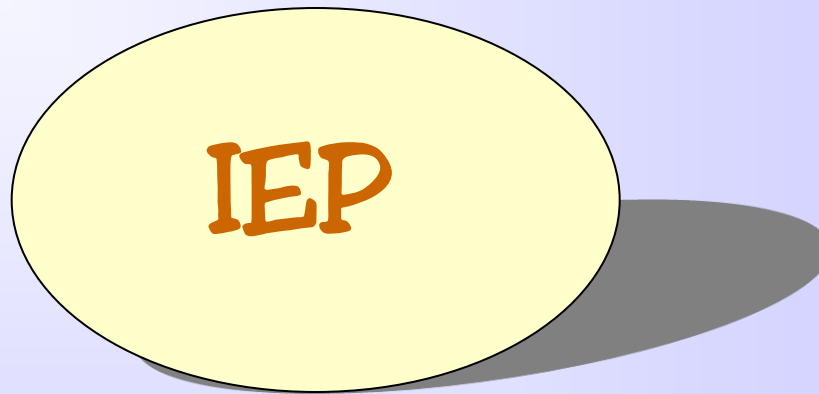




# Acronyms Defined

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*Individualized Education Program*

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Every public school child with disabilities  
receiving IDEA-funded special education  
must have one

# IDEA's Definition of IEP

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§300.22



§300.320 — §300.324





# Basics about the IEP

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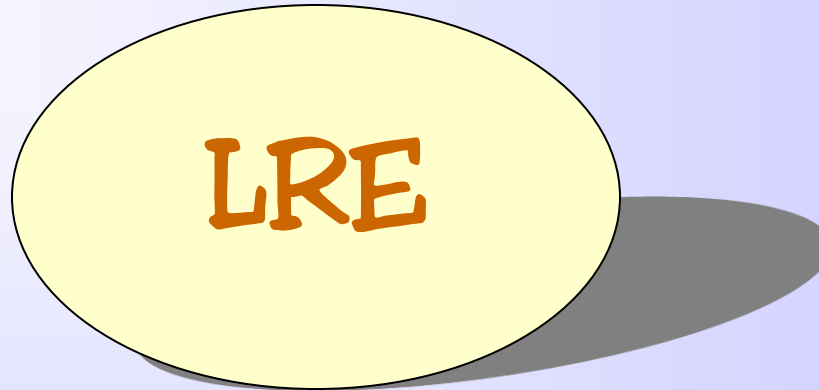
- *Individualized*
- Written plan for a child's education
- Written by parents and school staff *together*
- Lists the special education the child will receive, *and more*
- Is both a document *and* a process



# Acronyms Defined

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*Least Restrictive Environment*

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Children with disabilities are to be educated  
with children who do not have disabilities,  
to the maximum extent appropriate



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TA&D

*Technical Assistance  
& Dissemination Network*

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Need help?



*TA&D*

Just the start of  
more acronyms!

*N*ICHOLTC...

NCEO

NECTAC

*P*TACs  
*E*TC...  
*P*BIS

RRC<sub>s</sub>

*N*RCLD

*E*TC... *F*RC  
*F*CRD

NIMAS

*Eco*

CADRE

NCCREST

# 5 Acronyms Defined

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