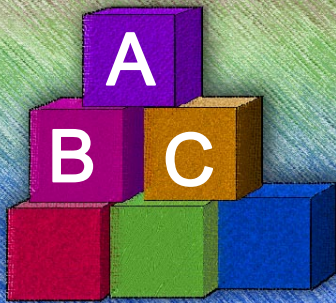


# ***Charter Schools and Students with Disabilities***

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## ***IDEA***

- The IDEA is the federal special education law. The IDEA stands for *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act*.
- The IDEA was originally enacted by Congress in 1975 to ensure that students with disabilities have the equal opportunity to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

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## ***How do we identify students with special needs?***

Students are identified through **Child Find** activities. Child Find requires states and districts to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21, who are in need of early intervention (SoonerStart) or special education services.



## ***What is required?***



All students with disabilities, residing in the State, whether attending public or private schools, must be identified, located, and evaluated.



## ***What happens when a child is eligible for special education?***

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is written by the IEP team.
- An IEP is a written statement of the educational program designed to meet a child's unique needs.



## ***What is placement in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?***

- A child with special needs must have access to the general education curriculum to the maximum extent possible with their nondisabled peers.
- There is a **continuum of placement options** that must be considered by an IEP team when making a placement decision.
- A child on an IEP may have accommodations and modifications in the LRE.



## ***Responsibility for Services***

- **Charter Schools** are required to comply with IDEA requirements.
- **Charter Schools** are required to comply with State and federal laws relating to the education of students with disabilities.

## ***Responsibility for Services***

- **Charter Schools** are required to ensure services to students with disabilities in the same manner as the local education agency (LEA) serves students with disabilities in other schools.
- **Charter Schools** are required to provide specific services stated in the IEP at no cost to the parent.



## ***Federal Reporting Requirements***

- ***Child Count*** - number of children on IEPs in the district on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**October 1, 2015**

- ***Data Reports*** – End of the Year Report includes Annual Performance Report, Personnel, Related Service, Students Exiting, Suspensions.

**May 1, 2015 - July 6, 2015**

## ***Federal Reporting Requirements***

- LEA Assurances and Implementation Agreement – Sound fiscal practices

**May 1, 2015 - June 26, 2015**

- Finance Application/Budget – Spending federal funds



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