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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Guidance, resources, and technical assistance related to IDEA.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children, supports early intervention services for infants and toddlers and their families, and awards competitive discretionary grants.

Comprehensive IDEA Website

ED's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website brings together IDEA information and resources from the Department and our grantees.

[Visit the IDEA website](#)

View and Search the IDEA Law and Regulations

The law authorizes formula grants to states and discretionary grants to eligible applicants.

[View IDEA's provisions](#)

Guidance Documents

ED issues policy letters and support documents that provide written guidance and clarification regarding implementation of the IDEA.

[Search guidance documents](#)

Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) Reports

ED monitors all IDEA Part B and C programs and differentiates its approach for each state based on the state's unique strengths, progress, and needs.

[View the DMS Framework](#)

Resources for Families

The IDEA Parents and Families Resource page brings together department programs and additional information of interest for parents and families

Find support for families



Other Related Resources

IDEA and Private School

ED has resources to help parents learn about the private school student equitable services provisions of the IDEA.

[Resources and guidance about IDEA](#)

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