

IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004)

Useful Terminology:

FAPE- free and appropriate public education guaranteed under IDEA.

IEP- Individualized education plan. Annual plan of goals tailored to the needs and abilities of each student under IDEA part B.

IFSP- Individualized family service plan. Contains goals and assessment plan for early intervention services under IDEA part C.

LEA-local educational agency.

LRE- least restrictive environment. Under IDEA, student must be educated in a schooling environment that is as similar as possible to the regular public school environment. Inclusion with nondisabled peers is preferred.

"Related services"- Types of educational services and supports that may benefit children with disabilities such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, assistive technology, physical supports, transportation, audiology services, therapeutic recreation, counseling and behavior therapy, diagnostic and evaluative services, etc. Must be paid for under IDEA if deemed necessary.

RTI- response to intervention

SEA- state educational agency.