

Tips for a Successful IEP Meeting

The IEP is designed to foster student success in areas of student need. Parents play a vital role in the development of an IEP that appropriately meets the needs of student with disabilities. You should meet regularly with your child's teachers.

- Work together to create a plan.
- Brainstorm ways for your child to meet standards.
- Identify available resources
- Outline the responsibilities of special education teachers, general education teachers, parents and students.
- Create a follow-up plan
- Schedule your next meeting.

Here are some tips to ensure a successful IEP meeting.

Before the meeting:

Write notes to yourself before the meeting. What topics do you want to cover?

What questions do you have?

Ask your child what they would like you to talk about with their teachers. What needs or concerns does your child have?

During the meeting:

Ask for an explanation of the teacher uses terms you don't understand.

Stay calm during the meeting. Parents and teachers need to listen to each other and work together to develop the best educational opportunities for students.

Find out specific ways you can help your child succeed in school. What types of activities can you do at home to promote learning?

After the meeting:

Follow up with your child after the meeting. Discuss the outcomes of the meeting and give your child an active part in his/her educational success.

Engage your child in learning activities outside of school.

Follow up with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and the effectiveness of the plan.