

Tip Sheet 2

Five Things You Should Always Say at an IEP Meeting

#1

“Here’s what’s working well at home.”

Why: Sharing strategies that help your child succeed outside school gives the team valuable insight they can apply in the classroom.

#2

“Can you show me how my child’s progress is being measured?”

Why: This ensures goals are specific and measurable, and that progress reports will give you clear updates.

#3

“I’d like to understand how this service or support will help my child meet their goals.”

Why: Asking for clarity makes sure every service in the IEP is tied directly to your child’s needs.

#4

“What are some options we can explore if this plan isn’t working?”

Why: This shows you’re open to collaboration while keeping the door open for adjustments if needed.

#5

“I appreciate the work everyone is doing, and I’d like us to focus on what will help my child thrive.”

Why: Framing your advocacy in a positive, child-centered way helps keep the tone constructive while reinforcing that your child’s needs are the priority.

