

Key Take Aways

The Purpose of an IEP

#1

An IEP is a legal document

It's backed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to ensure your child receives a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

#2

It's a personalized learning plan

Every IEP is tailored to a child's unique needs, strengths, and goals—there's no one-size-fits-all.

#3

It's a team effort

Parents, teachers, specialists, and other professionals work together to design and update the plan

#4

It's a living document

The IEP is reviewed at least once a year (and more often if needed) to reflect your child's changing needs.

#5

It has clear limits

An IEP supports access to learning—it's not a guarantee of specific results, a curriculum, or solely a behavior plan.

