



# IEP: At a Glance

## **Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP).**

A snapshot of your child's current strengths and needs

**Annual goals.** Measurable and ambitious goals your child hopes to achieve during the school year

**Specially Designed Instruction.** Specialized teaching strategies specific to your child's needs

## Your voice matters.

An individualized education program (IEP) is a living document created *for* your child and *with* your family. It's built not only on school data, but also on your deep knowledge of your child's strengths, interests, and cultural background. Your insights are essential. They help shape the supports your child receives and ensure their learning journey honors and reflects who they are.

## Key Components of an Individualized Education Program (IEP)



### **Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP)**

The PLAAFP is the most important part of the IEP. It explains how your child is doing in school right now. It includes their strengths and how their disability makes learning harder for them in specific ways. It must also address any

concerns you have as a parent or caregiver, and it should show how your child's strengths, interests, and culture can help them succeed in school. The rest of the IEP is based on the information in this section.



## Annual Goals

These are the goals your child is expected to reach. Goals can be set for different lengths of time, but they are usually written to be completed in one year. Each goal should be described in the PLAAFP, including what it is, why it is needed, when it will be completed, and how the school will determine whether your student has reached it.



## Specially Designed Instruction (SDI)

SDI involves customized teaching to address a student's disability and improve their learning. SDI should also help a student reach their IEP goals.

The IEP should explain all SDI to be used with your child, including what the teacher will teach, who will teach it, when and where it will happen, and how often and how long it will last.

# Your Family's Wisdom Matters.

Your culture, insights, and lived experience are essential to your child's education. When schools and families work together—honoring what parents, caregivers, and family members know about a child—IEPs become more than legal documents; they become meaningful pathways that help our children grow, succeed, and thrive.

**For more information, visit the Oregon Department of Education IEP [website](#)**

