

Special education shall be provided to resident children with disabilities in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes and DPI rules. An individualized education program team shall be responsible for any child's referral, evaluation, identification, placement, and instruction. Children with disabilities shall be provided a free and appropriate public education and shall be instructed in the least restrictive environment.

Key Definitions

1. "Child" means any person who is at least 3 years old but not yet 22 years old and who has not graduated from high school.
2. "Special education" means specially-designed instruction, regardless of where the instruction is conducted, that is provided at no cost to the child or the child's parent(s)/guardian(s), to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability.
3. "Child with a disability" means a child who, by reason of any of the following, needs special education and related services:
 - a. Specific learning disability
 - b. Emotional behavioral disability
 - c. Speech or language impairment
 - d. Intellectual Disability
 - e. Visual impairment
 - f. Hearing impairment
 - g. Orthopedic impairment
 - h. Traumatic brain injury
 - i. Autism
 - j. Other health impairment
 - k. Significant developmental delay
4. "Individualized Education Program" (IEP) means a written plan for a child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised at least annually by a team of qualified persons that includes the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or the child where appropriate.

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