

IEP Specifics, Accommodations, Modifications and Supports for School Personnel

Did You Know?!

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 both give students with disabilities access to accommodations.

Accommodations

An accommodation can help the student learn the same material and meet the same expectations as their peers. They do not reduce the learning expectations. They provide the student access.

Accommodations make it possible for the student to 'work around' the effect of their disabilities.

Modifications

A modification is when the student is far behind their peers, and they need changes (modifications) to the curriculum. The student isn't expected to learn the same material as their peers. They change, lower, or reduce the learning expectations.

Supports for School Personnel

The supports given to school staff to help them more effectively work with the student.

Did You Know?!

Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams must look at accommodations that are necessary to enable the student to access general education curriculum. If an accommodation is on an IEP (or 504 Plan) it must be implemented 'with fidelity' and schools may not decide to suspend their implementation if they believe they are unnecessary.