



WHAT IS IDEA?



KNOW YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN KANSAS

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IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Why is IDEA important?

IDEA is the ground-breaking civil rights law that guaranteed the right of students with disabilities to attend public school. IDEA provides numerous rights to eligible students with disabilities. Those rights are detailed in the various flyers of this series.

IDEA has six important elements. These are:

- 1) Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- 2) Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- 3) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- 4) Appropriate Evaluation
- 5) Parent and Student Participation
- 6) Procedural Safeguards

What does IDEA do?

The federal IDEA law makes sure that any eligible child with a disability has access to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

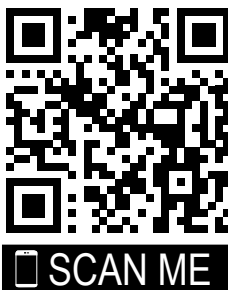
The IDEA also says that every eligible child with a disability must have special education and related services that meet their individual needs.

How does IDEA work in Kansas?

Kansas schools must follow the IDEA. Kansas also has extra rules and regulations that help the State carry out the IDEA. Schools also have to follow those rules.

Read more about the IDEA in Kansas here:

[Parent Guide to Special Education.](https://tinyurl.com/wx-3z8yhn) Kansas State Department of Education.
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See more: [What is FAPE?](https://tinyurl.com/yujpjbfb)
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Sources & Additional Resources:



[Kansas Special Education Process Handbook.](https://tinyurl.com/442w2dt3) Kansas State Department of Education.
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