

Special Education Basics



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Special Education

- Specially designed instruction to meet the **UNIQUE** needs of a child with disabilities
- A **SERVICE**, not a “place”



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Federal
& State
Laws

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Federal Law

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- Passed 1975 & Reauthorized 2004
- "Services" law
- 4 Parts:
 - A - Definitions
 - B - 3 to 21
 - C - Birth to 3
 - D - Grants



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Federal Law

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act

- Passed 1973 & amended 2015
- Prohibits discrimination
- Equal access
- "Accommodations" law



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Federal Law

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

FERPA

- Passed 1974
- "Privacy" law
- Access to records
- Right to inspect/review/amend
- Destruction of records



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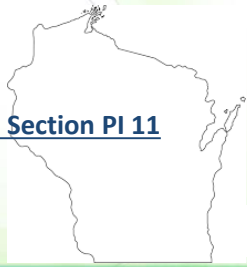
State Law

Wisconsin Chapter 115, Subchapter V


- Sections 115.758 – 115.90
- Follows IDEA
- Added protections

Administrative Code, Section PI 11

- PI 11.07 – 11.36



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Basic Terms & Acronyms

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Acronyms



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FAPE

Free Appropriate Public Education

- **Free** – services at NO cost to parents
- **Appropriate** – not defined in IDEA
- **Public Education** – services in **public** schools, at **public** expense & supervision



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FAPE

1982 U.S. Supreme Court case - Rowley

- Standard - *minimal educational benefit*
- Chevrolet not a Cadillac

2017 U.S. Supreme Court Decision - Endrew F.

- Standard – *more than minimal educational benefit*
- *Appropriately ambitious* in light of the child's circumstances.



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LRE

Least Restrictive Environment

- Educated with nondisabled peers to max. extent possible
- Access general ed. curriculum
- Supports & modifications
- Range of placement options



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IEP

Individualized Education Program

• **Written plan:**

- Unique educational needs
- learning goals
- services



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More Basics

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Eligibility

Child that has:

- A **disability**, **AND**
- A **need** for special education



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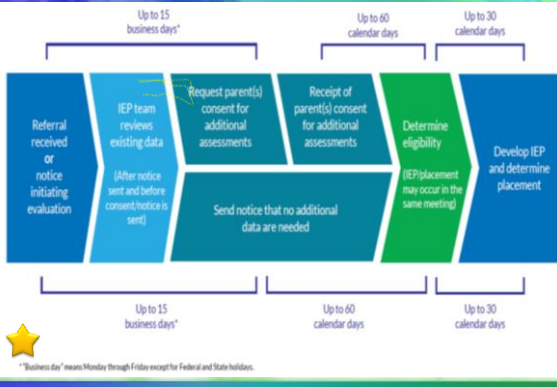
Disabilities

1. Autism
2. Deaf/Blind
3. Emotional Behavioral Disability
4. Hearing Impairment
5. Intellectual Disability
6. Orthopedic Impairment
7. Other Health Impairment
8. Significant Developmental Delay
9. Specific Learning Disability
10. Speech & Language Impairment
11. Traumatic Brain Injury
12. Visual Impairment



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Timeline



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Special Education in Plain Language



User-Friendly Handbook on
Special Education Laws, Policies
and Practices in Wisconsin

2009 • Third Edition • Including a 2019 Supplement

Online:

<https://www.wsems.us/special-education-in-plain-language/introduction/>

pdf version:

Webinar handout


Hard copy:

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IDEA Basics
Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act



<https://tinyurl.com/y5y25pno>



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THANK YOU!

- Please complete your evaluation.
- Questions? WI FACETS 877-374-0511

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