

EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Education is your child's only guaranteed entitlement.

Thanks to the families before you and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (I.D.E.A.), public schools must provide your child with a free, appropriate public education from age three to 21.

Even with State and Federal laws ensuring your child's right to an education, it will take hard work on your part to ensure your child receives the services and education he or she needs. Throughout your child's school years remember to always plan ahead for the next phase of your child's life.



4 KEY POINTS

1. An Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is an entitlement which is specifically tailored to meet the students learning strengths and needs.
2. Families are a vital part of your child's team in developing, reviewing and approving the IEP plan. **Do not be left out.**
3. Federal IDEA Law and Washington Administrative Code indicate transition needs must be identified at age 14 and transition services must be provided at age 16.
4. Students can attend school and receive support (on or off campus) through the school year of their 21st birthday, if they have not met their graduation requirements or IEP goals.

An IEP includes education goals and objectives in addition to related services, as needed, such as speech, physical or occupational therapies, assistive technology, counseling or other aids and services that enable your child to receive a free and appropriate public education.

While each school district is responsible for special education, the Educational Service District 105 may also be a good resource. www.esd105.org