

IEP vs 504

IEP

- Must fit one of the IDEA disability eligibility categories
- Provides specially designed instruction, not just accommodations
- Has goals and progress monitoring
- Procedural safeguards for parents
- School required to include parents
- IDEA/Dept of Ed and states are the overseers
- All public schools must make this available to eligible students
- Annual meeting with revisions

- FREE for Parents
- Should meet the child's needs
- Requires a disability and evaluations; evaluation process is different for each

504 Plan

- Any Disability
- Focuses on how the child learns
- Limited rights and recourse if parent is not satisfied
- No goals or progress monitoring
- Not a special education program
- Overseen by OCR and HSS
- School does not have to seek parental input to develop plan
- School can change plan at any time without parental input
- Applies to any school receiving public funds