

How to Prepare

for an

IEP Meeting

as a Parent

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Learn how to prepare for an IEP Meeting as a parent in 10 Easy Tips. Know why you should attend this meeting with 8 things to keep in mind!



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Here are a few reasons why you need to be present at the IEP meeting with allied educators:

1. IEP helps you understand what educators are going to teach your child in class.
2. IEP helps you to know what skills need to be developed in a certain period.
3. It gives you an overview of where your child is heading to. This will help you in transitioning to another level of education.
4. There is more focus on skill development rather than a scattered, disorganized, and inconsistent plan for your child.

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5. IEP is your guide. Your blueprint to your child's education.

6. IEP will give you the record of the past, present, and future educational plans of your child.

7. Attending the meeting is your chance to collaborate with teachers, therapists, and other professionals who are responsible for your child's education.

8. The meeting also gives you the chance to get to know the teachers and ask questions!

10 Things To Do Before an IEP Meeting

1. Gather all the documents you have. You don't just gather but you know what's the content of those reports.
2. Ask for a DRAFT copy of the IEP. Having this prior to the meeting will give you a chance to review the content and goals.
3. Ask someone who is more knowledgeable with the content of the IEP to review the content and give you tips and clarifications.
4. Be realistic.
5. Ask others, like parents or previous teachers, what to expect in an IEP meeting. And what tips they can give you when meeting educators.

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6. Write down the questions and ask these questions during the meeting.
7. If possible, do not be alone. Having someone by your side will help you to be more confident.
8. If you have someone with you, inform your child's case manager in advance.
9. Don't be so intimidating. Be respectful but assertive. Know that you are not at war with educators but instead collaborating with them.
10. Lastly, IEP is just a meeting. It is just a part of the whole education of your child.