

PREPARING FOR THE IEP MEETING: FOR STUDENTS

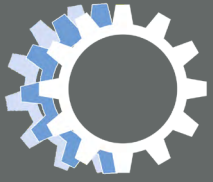
As a student, you are the star of the show during IEP meetings! This planning sheet will help you know what to expect and how you can contribute.

What Should I Know About My Transition IEP Meeting?

- The IEP meeting is about planning for your future.
- Beginning at age 14, the law says you must be invited to your IEP meetings.
- It's good to go to your IEP meetings. The team will be making decisions about your future, and you know yourself best.
- You have input on who gets to attend the meeting. Typically, your team includes you, your parents or guardians, all your teachers, a school administrator, and people from agencies that can help you when you leave high school.
- Each team member will have assigned responsibilities
- The team will look at your strengths and needs in the areas of employment, postsecondary education/training, and independent living.
- The team will identify goals and services that will help you be able to live, work, or study where you want to when you leave school.
- Remember: This meeting is about YOU!

How Can I Help?

- Before the meeting, think about any ideas, questions, and concerns you have, and write them down.
- Practice or role-play with your teacher what you will say before the meeting.
- Welcome everyone to the meeting.
- Introduce yourself and everyone else attending.
- Talk about what you have been working on in the last year.
- Talk about your goals for the future.
- Talk about what type of support is helpful to you.



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- Ask questions about anything you do not understand.
- Speak up if you have ideas or disagree with something a team member says.
- At the end of the meeting, repeat your goals and say what all team members will be working on over the next year.
- Thank everyone for attending.