



IEP Eligibility in Rhode Island

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ensures that eligible children with disabilities receive free appropriate public education, including access to special education and related services.

To be eligible for special education and an IEP, an eligibility team, including a parent, must determine that:

- ✓ The student has a disability*
- ✓ The disability adversely impacts their education
- ✓ They require specialized instruction

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* The disability must be in one of the **14 disability categories** identified by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and the Rhode Island Regulations Governing the Education of Children with Disabilities.

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment Including Blindness