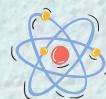


# Least Restrictive Environment

## LRE

### *What It Is and What It Means*



LRE is an important principle from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

LRE refers to the need for students to be educated alongside their non-disabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

This means placing each child in an environment that is as inclusive as possible, where the student can also make progress on their goals and access their education.

Under IDEA, schools are required to place a student in the LRE that allows a student to access their Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Schools implement supports before placing a child in a more restrictive setting.

LRE can also apply to services.

#### Key Terms:

- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

