

# IEP vs 504

## Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

## Section 504 Plan

Type of law

Special Education - Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

Civil Rights - Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Department

Department of Education

Office of Civil Rights

Requirements for eligibility

Has a disability that:  
a) meets criteria under IDEA,  
b) significantly impacts educational performance, and  
c) requires specialized services

Has a disability that significantly impacts a major life function.

What is included?

Specialized education services, accommodations, related services.

Accommodations, modifications.

Age limits

IEP offered through 12th grade.

No age limits with a 504 plan.

Where is the plan used?

Educationally, through the 12th grade.

School, work, and college.

Does not transfer to college.

504 Plans will transfer to college.

Discipline

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Services are required during long-term suspension.

May require reevaluation.