

# Highlights of the Differences and Similarities Between IEP and 504 Plans

IEP	BOTH	504 PLAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Must fit one of the IDEA disability eligibility categories</li><li>● Provides specifically designed instruction, not just accommodations</li><li>● Has goals and progress monitoring</li><li>● Procedural safeguards for parents</li><li>● School required to include parents</li><li>● IDEA/Dept. of Ed and states are the overseers</li><li>● All public schools must make this available to eligible students</li><li>● Annual meeting with revisions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● FREE for parents</li><li>● Should meet the child's needs</li><li>● Requires a disability and evaluation: evaluation process is different for each situation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Any disability</li><li>● Focuses on how the child learns</li><li>● Limited rights and recourse if parent is not satisfied</li><li>● No goals or progress monitoring</li><li>● Not a special education program</li><li>● Overseen by Office of Civil Rights and Health and Human Services</li><li>● School does not have to seek parental input to develop plan</li><li>● Applies to any school receiving public funds</li><li>● School can change plan at any time without parental input</li></ul>