

IDEA: REAUTHORIZED 2004

STUDENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENT BENEFIT

1. IDEA involves funding for services to students with disabilities
2. Child Find is umbrella for funding for evaluations and identification
3. IDEA applies to Pre K programs IF the State of Florida states that public education encompasses pre k thru 12.
4. Disability must interfere with academic progress
5. Classroom interventions continue to be required in referral process
6. Parents required to be involved in all discussions re: academic progress of child
7. Public School District (LEA) is responsible for evaluations
 - a. Equitable assessments for all children
 - b. There may be outside evaluators who are approved by district
 - c. Law allows that the county will only accept their evaluation before deeming a child eligible for services
8. Beginning the date parent signs referral for testing (and submitted to district), the evaluation must be completed within a 60 calendar day period.
 - a. Hint: request referral packet as soon as there is an indication that an eval may be needed. Be pro-active in completing those assigned tasks to eliminate the extra weeks before referral
9. Receiving services from LEA involves compliance with FAPE – Free and Appropriate Education in Least Restrictive Environment
10. IEP is written when a child is formally identified and eligible for services
 - a. The LEA is required by law to explain to the parent that they public school can provide ALL that is required
 - b. Confuses parents.... Give them advance info
 - c. Florida permits dual –enrollment which effects appropriate services
 - d. Service Plan is required by law... substitutes IEP for those students attending non public schools
 - e. Individual entitlement....students are eligible for free and appropriate services in the least restrictive environment
 - i. Child's school (unless compelling reason)
11. Consultation is required before all decisions are made
 - a. Must be timely and meaningful
 - b. Applies to all federally funded programs
 - c. You should ask/ know your allocation
 - d. Pooling monies is permissible by law
 - e. Who will provide services/ When start/ how long?
 - f. Concentrated summer programs, after school programs eliminates pull out/ allowable under law
12. Problems...
 - a. No money to support service? You can tell them to find the money
 - b. Show me the citation in the law