

WEBSITES

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN TOPICS

http://tea.texas.gov/Curriculum_and_Instructional_Programs/Special_Education/

- Texas Education Agency is a state agency responsible for overseeing public education by providing leadership and resources to help schools meet the needs of students
- Responsible for enforcing national and state laws and the commissioner's rules
- Assessment, graduation requirements, special education law, data on schools, dispute resolution with individuals and a school district and additional information is on this site

<http://www4.esc13.net/>

- Education Service Center 13 serving Central Texas provides support to schools to comply with TEA (Texas Education Agency) expectations
- Offers workshops and consultation with teachers, parents, or districts to promote best practice

http://www4.esc13.net/uploads/facilitatingIEPs/docs/SPED_ParentHandbook.pdf

The Education Service Center has created a **parent handbook to answer in simple terms commonly asked questions about special education and the process**. It contains:

- Collection of basic information
- Tips on how to make the process easier
- How to build collaboration and what is going on "behind the scenes" for educators

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/special-ed/staaralt/frameworks/>

The **STAAR Alternate Curriculum Framework** documents list:

- student expectations tested by **STAAR** in each grade and subject or high school course
- **TEA (Texas Education Agency)** summarizes the continuum of prerequisite skills needed to understand the targeted TEK. Teachers/parents can determine where an individual student is performing on the framework document for each

essence statement and focus instruction to move him or her to the highest student expectation he or she can attain for a given year.

- This TEA site also covers due process, complaints against schools, curriculum, and any other subject related to schools.

<http://www.spedtex.org/> (Special Education Information Center for Texas)

- Accurate and timely answers to Special education processes, laws, safeguards, etc. through the website, by email or by phone for answers to your specific questions
- ARD guide book
- Legal framework

<http://www.partnerstx.org/path>

- Federally funded program to empower parents as advocates
- Provides parent training to assist other parents in ARD preparation and reaching consensus with the school

<http://www.esc20.net/users/gendocs/SpecialEducation/ConnectingToTheTeam/DisputeResolutionHandbook-ENG.pdf>

- Provides information on the special education dispute resolution system and the choices for parents and schools
- Produced for Texas Education Agency

<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/education-schools>

- Supported by the Texas Task Force for Children with Special Needs
- Covers a variety of topics from education to finances to medical to services

http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/DocServer/IDEA_booklet-color.pdf?docID=961

- IDEA booklet with information on the IEP process
- List of advocacy agencies
- Explanation of rights and the appeal process

<http://www.texasprojectfirst.org>

- Established by the Texas Education Agency to provide information to parents about special education law and the process

<http://www.4accord.com/web/videos.html>

- Videos by Nick Martin related to working collaboratively, facilitated IEPs, and advocacy. **Also available in Spanish.**
- Articles about collaboration, being prepared for an IEP meeting, and when all else fails. These articles are under publications at the very bottom of the page.