

# Complete Reference to Special Education Legal Rights and Responsibilities

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*rights*law: *Special Education Law* teaches you how to use the law as your sword and your shield. Special education law is confusing and overwhelming to parents, educators, advocates, and even to many attorneys. To advocate for a child with a disability, you need to know what the law says about:

- **Child's Right to a Free Appropriate Education (FAPE)**
- **IEP Requirements and IEP Teams**
- **Evaluations, Reevaluations, Independent Evaluations**
- **Eligibility and Placement Decisions**
- **Mainstreaming, Inclusion, Least Restrictive Environment**
- **Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Schools**
- **Discipline, Suspensions, and Expulsions**
- **Safeguards, Mediation, Confidentiality, Due Process Hearings**

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