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fact sheet

for students

an education guide for students with disabilities

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is:
a federal education law for students with disabilities.
As a student with a disability, the IDEA gives you the right to
access a **free public education and special education services.**

Under DC law, it is also your right to **attend school through the
semester in which you turn 22.**

*IEP services available
to you:*

- individualized instruction
- related services
- assistive technology
- classroom accommodations

What is an IEP?

IEP stands for **Individualized Education Program.**
An IEP is a plan tailored to your unique needs.
It gives you extra services at school that can help
you learn.

Did you know?

If you are 18 or older, you are your own educational decision-maker. That means, **you** get to decide what you want out of your education!

What can an education lawyer do for you?

An education lawyer can help you advocate for and enforce your rights. School Justice Project wants you to **know your rights and use them!**

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