

Top 5 Tips

For IDEA Implementation

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Operationalize FAPE

Have a clear understanding of the school's obligation to propose FAPE based on current, unique educational needs. What bundle of services and supports does the student need in order to make rigorous but reasonable progress?

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Make Team Decisions

When it comes to IEPs, no single person acts as decision-maker. IEP decisions are made by TEAMS! The collective wisdom of a team is far stronger than single input decision making. Remember, the TEAM includes the parent! Train strong team leaders to facilitate the IEP team process.

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Use Data

Make good decisions based on comprehensive evaluations, classroom assessments, and progress monitoring data. Let the data guide your team!

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Implement the IEP

IEPs must be implemented as written. No free-styling in IDEA! The IEP is a "quasi-contract" and must be implemented or amended based on current educational needs.

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Monitor Progress

Regularly and frequently. Watch out for stagnate progress or unexpected progress. RECONVENE - REVIEW - RESTRATEGIZE - REVISE