


An Overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act


Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)


The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes free and appropriate public education available to eligible children with disabilities. This law also ensures that children have access to special education and related services as needed.





 There are 4 Parts of IDEA: Part A, Part B, Part C, and Part D.

What are the parts of IDEA?

 **Part A**
Contains general provisions of the law, laying the foundation for the rest of the Act.

 **Part B**
Lays out the guidelines and requirements for educating children and students 3-21 with disabilities. Section 619 of Part B covers the requirements for **children ages three through five**. In Michigan, **Build Up** helps locate and identify young children ages 3 through 5 years who may need special education services.

 **Part C**
Provides early intervention guidelines and requirements for infants and toddlers, **birth to age three**, with developmental delays and disabilities. In Michigan, we refer to our Part C Early Intervention System as **Early On**®.

 **Part D**
Details the national scope of efforts and activities to be conducted to continue ongoing support and improvement of the education of children with disabilities.

Questions?

To learn more about IDEA and special education services, use the resource below.

Online: [Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential: Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education](#)

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