How do I disagree with my child's IEP?



This tip sheet will provide a quick summary of what you can do if you disagree with your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

You have the **right** to disagree with your child's IEP. This is part of special education law.

Prior Written Notice

You will receive a document called a Prior Written Notice (PWN) with your child's IEP. It has a space for you to put your signature and check off if you "agree" or "disagree" with the proposed plan. You must disagree in writing within 14 calendar days of when the school sent you the IEP and PWN documents.



If you disagree

It's important to understand what you disagree with. You might disagree with the amount of time your child will receive special education services or the location where they will receive them. You can choose if you want to share what you disagree with on the PWN.



Next steps

Once you complete and send the form back to the school, the school will contact you to set up another meeting to discuss the things in the IEP you disagree with.

If you need help with what to do next, call PACER and ask to speak with an Advocate.



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