

# Parents have the right to...

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## Participate as an EQUAL Member of the Team

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) gives parents FULL rights to participate in and make decisions about their child's IEP. Parents are LEGALLY considered an EQUAL part of the team and must be included.

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## Invite Others to the IEP Meeting

Parents have the right to invite others to the meeting. It is encouraged to bring someone to support you and to advocate alongside you. You also have the right to record the meeting so you can remember what was said later. IEP meetings are full of a LOT of "eduspeak" and can be emotional, so having another person and a recording is helpful!

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## Decide Who Has Access to the IEP

There are key people who need access to the child's IEP to provide services. A log is also supposed to be kept of who has accessed the child's IEP (this should be available and signed at every meeting). Parents have the right to confidentiality to determine who has access to the documents. This protects the child!

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## Review Documents at ANY Time

Parents always have the right to see and review any documents and data that are created about their child's education. The school may have guidelines about how they are accessed in regards to hours when they're available for review, however, they cannot keep parents from reviewing or having a copy.

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## Parents have the FINAL Say

All accommodations, modifications, goals, services, and recommendations for placement are invalid until parents give their approval. Any formal changes must have parent approval.

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# Resources



**Wrights Law**



**Master IEP Coach**



**The Intentional IEP**



**EKCO:  
Parent Resources**



**IDEA Law & Purpose**



**OSDE Special  
Education Parents  
Rights**



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