



# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## What is special education?

It is specially designed instruction that addresses the unique needs of a student eligible to receive special education services. The term "specially designed instruction" means "adapting content, methodology, or delivery of instruction" to meet the unique needs of the child and ensure access to the general curriculum.

## What is the purpose of special education?

The purpose of special education is to prevent, eliminate or overcome obstacles that might keep a child from learning and from full active participation in both school and society.

## What is an IEP?

An IEP is a legally binding document that specializes a student's education developed based on a student's PLAAFP (Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance), and outlines how, when where, and for how long the student's educational needs will be met.

## What is a Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)?

A LRE is the setting where a child with disability can receive an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs, alongside peers without disabilities to the max. extend possible. It is similar to an environment to that of the typical student at the same age and grade level.... that provides evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of the student.

## Resources:

- Telemaco, G. (2016). Learning Different: The Truth About Special Education. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1Ltl-8VGkk> . TEDx Talks.
- Purdue Online (2021). Education: What is Special Education? <https://online.purdue.edu/blog/education/what-is-special-ed> . Purdue University.

