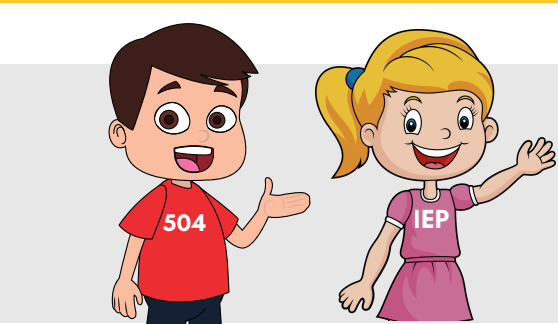




IEP (INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM)	504 PLAN
An IEP is a formal plan that details the special education services and supports a school will provide to meet the unique needs of a student with a disability	A 504 plan outlines specific accommodations and related support services to an eligible student — the goal is to give the student equal access at school
Eligibility is determined through comprehensive assessments such as academic, functional, language, motor, developmental, behavioral, or other evaluations	Must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (things people do each day — from eating and sleeping to learning and thinking), and have a record of the impairment
Is Special Education	Is not a special education service, but can be combined with an IEP
Must fit one of the 14 IDEA disability eligibility categories, or the Tennessee categories of Intellectually Gifted or Functional Delay *	Any disabling condition or physical or mental impairment need that impacts a major life activity
Provides specially designed instruction	Provides special education and related services to students with disabilities who do not require specialized education services
Has goals and requires progress monitoring/reporting	No specific reporting required
Schools are required to include parents	School can develop and make changes without parental input
Mandated by the US Department of Education and implemented by the state/district	Overseen by the Office for Civil Rights
Services are free to families	Agreed upon services are provided for free
Reevaluation required at least every 3 years	Reevaluation required periodically Yearly review is recommended
Does not transfer to college	In college, there are no formal 504 plans, instead, students must request needed accommodations through the disability services office

*Find more information on eligibility visit, <https://tinyurl.com/yeZjmbxh>



BOTH IEP & 504 PLANS

- Can include accommodations, modifications, and behavior plans
- Have Procedural Safeguards and Change of Placement requirements
- Have resolution processes available to address disputes