

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Related Services Fact Sheet

When a child qualifies for special education services, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team will also need to discuss whether the student needs related services. Related services can provide a wide variety of supports that will enable a child to benefit from special education. IDEA defines Related Services as: "...transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education..." Section 300.34(a). According to the U.S. Department of Education, related services, as listed under IDEA, include, but are not limited to:

- Audiology/Interpreter Services
- Counseling Services
- Early identification and assessment of disabilities in children
- Medical Services (to determine eligibility and/or need for services)
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Speech/Language Pathology Services
- Parent Counseling and Training
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Recreation
- Rehabilitation Counseling Services
- School Health Services
- Social Work Services in Schools
- Transportation

These are the services most commonly included in an IEP; however, the following are important factors to consider when the team discusses and adds related services to your child's IEP.

- If a child needs a service of some type to benefit from special education, the related service should be added to the IEP.
- If the related service requires involvement of a professional, that discipline should be involved in the development and implementation of the IEP as either a team member or a consultant.
- The IEP team should also determine if an evaluation or assessment is needed in any of the related services to ensure the IEP is comprehensive and addresses all needs of the student.



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