



## Education and Disability Laws

**IDEA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act:** This law ensures that public schools provide an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for K-12 student who have a disability. Schools must provide funding for special education services, evaluations to determine eligibility, reasonable accommodations, and access to a free and appropriate education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act:** This civil rights laws provides legal protection for students who have a disability who are eligible based on the criteria of having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities or has record of it. Schools must provide access to a free and appropriate education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). This law prohibits discrimination toward students with a disability who are not eligible for an IEP.

**ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act:** This law replaces the former No Child Left Behind Act, and it was created to guarantee that all states provide education that is equitable and excellent to all students. Each state is required to have ambitious goals for student achievement, measure and report students' academic progress, provide targeted interventions to students who need help, and provide interventions in lowest performing 5% of Title One Schools and with those that have one third of students not graduating.

**Assistive Technology Act:** This law ensures that individuals with disabilities gain access to assistive devices and services that allow them to fully participate in educational, employment, and community settings.

**ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act:** This law provides civil rights protection for people who have disabilities prohibiting discrimination in employment and education settings. The protection applies to various aspects of an individual's life including their employment, access to transportation, and access to accommodations in public places.

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