

Powerful Partnerships: Families, Communities, and Educators



Washington State
Governor's Office of the
Education
Ombuds

We listen. We inform. We help solve problems.

Families that contact OEO feel they need someone to help address their school concerns

- Communication breakdowns between families and educators may be due to:
 - Misunderstandings
 - Language barrier
 - Cultural disconnect
- Level of concern about student can cause emotions to run high (both directions)

Special Education

What is an IEP?

Individualized Education Program

What does an IEP cover?

Student Goals

Specially Designed Instruction (examples)

Accommodations (examples)

IEP Meetings

- ▶ Who usually attends IEP meetings?
- ▶ Who can families invite to IEP meetings?
- ▶ What are these meetings for?
- ▶ How often do IEP meetings happen?

Example: 3 Students with ASD

Who qualifies for an IEP?

Disability + Educational Impact

Student 1: Does fine without any accommodations = does not qualify for any services

Student 2: Needs accommodations only = qualifies for a 504 plan

Student 3: Needs accommodations and specially designed instruction = qualifies for an IEP

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

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- ▶ Supports for Students with Disabilities