Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program Eligibility Requirements

Student eligibility requirements are set by state law, Tenn. Code Ann. 49-10-14 et al. and State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-11. The department cannot make exceptions regarding student eligibility requirements.

A student is eligible to receive an IEA if they meet ALL OF THE FOLLOWING criteria:



Is a Tennessee resident who will be in grades K-12 at the time of enrollment in the IEA Program.



AND



Has an active individualized education program (IEP) through a Tennessee public school district in effect at the time of request for participation in the program.

(If you have questions about your child's IEP status, please directly contact the public school district in which your student is enrolled.)



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Has **ONE** of the following disabilities in the active IEP as the primary or secondary disability at the time of request for participation in the program:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Deaf-Blindness
- Developmental Delay
- Hearing Impairments

Intellectual Disability

- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairments



AND

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Meets **AT LEAST ONE** of the following requirements:

- was previously enrolled in and attended a Tennessee public school for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year in which the student receives an IEA;
- has not previously attended a K-12 school in Tennessee, but is currently eligible to enroll in a kindergarten program in a Tennessee public school;
- has not previously attended a school in Tennessee for the one full school year immediately preceding the school year in which the student receives an IEA, and moved to Tennessee less than one year prior to the date of enrollment in the IEA Program;

• **OR** received an IEA in the previous year.



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