



Department of
Education



Tennessee
IEA Program



Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program

Tennessee's Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program is a school choice program for eligible students with disabilities. The IEA Program gives parents and students access to public education funds to use on certain types of approved educational expenses that best meet their own unique needs.

The [IEA webpage](#) provides comprehensive information for parents about the IEA Program, including student eligibility, how to apply, how IEA funds can be used, and much more. **We encourage all interested families to apply.**

Application Requirements

Each application that meets the program's student eligibility requirements¹ is accepted. New student applicants to the program must:

- 1.** be a resident of Tennessee entering grades K-12.
- 2. EITHER** have an eligible Individualized Education Program (IEP) **OR** participate in the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) Extended Option.
 - a. Students who have an IEP must have a qualifying disability listed as a primary or secondary disability on the IEP.
 - b. Students who participate in the TEIS Extended Option must have a Part B Eligibility Report identifying one of the qualifying disabilities.
 - c. The list of qualifying disabilities is available on the [Parents and Students webpage](#) under Eligibility.

AND

- 3.** meet the school enrollment criteria outlined on the [IEA webpage](#).

Participating Students

Once accepted, a participating student must enroll in and attend either a participating non-public school or an independent home school which meets the requirements of the department, including the requirements of Tennessee's school attendance law².

Students enrolled in the IEA Program are eligible to use IEA funds for approved expenses, such as tuition and fees for a participating private school or educational therapies.



2027-28 School Year Application Window

The New Student IEA application window for the 2026-27 school year is scheduled to open on February 16, 2027, and close at midnight on April 16, 2027.

The application will be available on the department's website: [IEA Student Application & Renewal](#).

No application extensions can be granted.

Contact Us

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¹ [Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-10-1402 \(3\)](#) and [State Board Rule Chapter 0520-01-11-.02\(11\)](#)

² [Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3005](#)