

# 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 provides parents/guardians and their students access to public education funds to use on approved educational expenses that best meet their own unique needs.



## FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR:



TUITION



ELIGIBLE  
FEES



REQUIRED  
TEXTBOOKS

at an IEA  
participating school

Learn more on the [IEA webpage](#).

## Requirements to Become a Participating School

A school must be a Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) approved non-public school listed on TDOE's website [here](#).

### Participating Non-public School Rights

In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-10-1406 and department procedures for the IEA Program, a participating school:

- **is** autonomous and not an agent of the state or federal government.
- **is** given the maximum freedom to provide for the educational needs of their students without governmental control.
- **is** able to set their admission policies and tuition/fees and may charge tuition/fees above the amount of the IEA award.
- **is not** subject to increased educational regulation by the department nor any other state agency, or to any additional regulation of non-public schools beyond those necessary to enforce the requirements of the program.
- **is not** required to alter its creed, practices, admissions policies, or curriculum in order to accept participating students.
- **is not** required to admit students enrolled in the IEA Program, and students must meet all requirements for admission set by the school.

## Applications for Schools

Applications for non-public schools to partner with the IEA program are accepted at any time. However, please note that families make decisions for their students' placement for the next year during the student application period each spring. A school principal or director can submit the [Participating Private School Application & Assurances](#) along with all required supporting documentation.

### Contact Info

Please contact the IEA Team with any questions:  
Call (615) 253-3781 or Email [IEA.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:IEA.Questions@tn.gov).

Visit [tn.gov/education/iea.html](https://tn.gov/education/iea.html) for more information.