

Terms To Know –Please go to “Whose IDEA Is This” for additional definitions

- **Accommodations** – Changes in the way materials are presented or in the way students respond to the materials, as well as changes in setting, timing and scheduling.
- **Evaluation** – Procedures used to determine whether your child has a disability and the special education and related services that your child needs
- **Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)** – Special Education and related services provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and at no cost to parents.
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP)** – A written statement for your child that is developed, reviewed and revised in accordance with federal and state regulations
- **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)** – As much as possible, children with disabilities (including children in public or nonpublic schools or other care facilities) are educated with children who do not have disabilities.
- **Modification** – Any change that is made in your child’s school, work or environment to meet his or her individual education needs.
- **Parent’s Guide (Whose IDEA Is This?)** – Also known as “procedural safeguards notice” and summarizes Ohio’s special education rules
- **Prior Written Notice (PR-01)** - written statements from the school district that inform the parent about recommendation relating to the initiation or change in the identification, evaluation, educational placement of the student or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student.
- **Special Education** – Specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability, including instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions and in other settings

Resources

- **Region 14/Hopewell** – <http://ohioregion14.org>
- **Ohio Department of Education** – <http://education.ohio.gov>
- **Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities** – <http://www.ocecd.org>
- **Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)** – ocali.org
- **Regional Parent Mentors**
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