



504 PLAN VS. IEP IN ARIZONA

Key Differences Every Parent Should Know



ELIGIBILITY

IEP (Special Education)

– Student must have one of 15 qualifying disabilities under IDEA and need specialized instruction



SERVICES & PROTECTIONS

IEP – Provides specialized instruction and related services; goals, progress tracking, and detailed accommodations



PROS & CONS

IEP Pros – Strong legal protections, measurable goals, progress data

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504 Plan – Provides accommodations, no and modifications, no specialized instruction; fewer procedural safeguards



504 Cons – No individualized goals, less oversight

REQUESTING AN EVALUATION



IEP – Put your request in writing to the school, school must follow Arizona timelines for evaluations under IDEA



504 Plan – Request in writing to principal or 504 coordinator, timelines vary but must be “reasonable.”

TIP: Start with the plan that meets your child's current needs –not the one that's easiest to get. Needs can

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