

# In-Person Special Education & Related Services

This document refers to a school building as In-Person

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## Did You Know?!

Most school districts are starting to contact families about bringing Special Education Students into the school buildings.

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It is the individual school districts deciding how often, and what days and times.

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Some school districts are changing, or trying to change, the Special Education and Related Service Minutes on the student's IEP to 'match' the minutes they are proposing.

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Is a parent able to ask for In-Person Services?

Yes

Is a parent required to agree to the day and time of In-Person Services?

No. The parent should talk with the IEP team about why the proposed dates and times will not work.

What happens if the school district tries, or does, change the Service Minutes on the IEP?

The Service Minutes on an IEP can only be changed during an IEP meeting. Hopefully it was a team decision.

Changing the Service Minutes on an IEP can result in a 'placement change'.

How will the parent know if the school district changed any of the Service Minutes?

The school district is required to send the parent a Prior Written Notice (PWN) **before** any decision is implemented. Check the PWN "initiated on" date.

What happens if the school district plans on changing the Service Minutes and the parent doesn't agree?

The parent may file a Special Education Due Process Hearing Request.

Why would a parent want to file a Special Education Due Process Hearing Request?

A student's placement during the proceedings is the educational program and placement in effect at the time the due process hearing request was filed, unless the school district and parent agree otherwise.

This is often referred to as a "Stay Put"

Please see: WAC 392-172A-05125

Please see: 20 USC 1415 (j)

What are some possible words a parent can use when requesting In-Person Services?

My student is unable to access instruction and services through remote learning.

My student is unable to learn by remote instruction or asynchronous and synchronous learning activities.

My student's needs are significant and complex and requires in-person instruction and services.

Can In-Person Services take place somewhere other than a school building?

Yes, they can.

What are some examples of other locations?

- A student's home
- An outside organization's office

Do Special Education & Related Services have to be provided by a school district employee?

No, a school district can contract with an outside organization to provide services.