

Free Appropriate Public Education



Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), public schools are required to provide each student who has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) a **Free and Appropriate Public Education**.

F ree	A student with an IEP will be educated at public expense. Parents will not have additional fees.
A ppropriate	A student's IEP will be developed to meet his/her unique needs.
P ublic	All students have the right to be educated by the public school or under public supervision
E ducation	This includes general education classes, special education and related services

“Free appropriate public education (FAPE)” means special education and related services that:

- (a) Are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction;
- (b) Meet the standards of the Department, including the requirements of 34 CFR §§300.8, 300.101, 300.102, and 300.530(d) and this chapter;
- (c) Include preschool, elementary, or secondary education; and
- (d) Are provided in conformity with an IEP that meets the requirements of 20 U.S.C. §1414, and this chapter. COMAR 13A.05.01.03B(27)