



Student-Led IEPs

Empowering Students to Lead Their Future

What is a Student-Led IEP?

A **Student-Led IEP** is when students actively participate and **lead parts** of their IEP meeting by sharing:

-  **Their strengths**
-  **Their needs**
-  **Their goals**

Students are partners and leaders. Not just attendees!



Why it Matters

Builds Self-Advocacy
Students learn to speak up for what they need

Promotes Independence
Prepares for adult life & decision-making

Increases Understanding
Helps students understand their disability, supports & future goals

What Can Students Do

-  **Share interests & future plans**
-  **Explain what is easy & what is challenging**
-  **Identify supports they need**
-  **Lead Discussions**

Start Early, Build Over Time

-  **Begin by age 14 in PA**
-  **Start small: introductions & simple goals**
-  **Grow each year: lead more of the meeting**

A Powerful Shift

Traditional IEP

Adults talk
Student listens

Student-Led IEP

Student leads
Adults supports

Skills Students Develop

-  **Self-Advocacy**
-  **Confidence**
-  **Communication**
-  **Goal-Setting**
-  **Decision-making**

Team Roles:



Students
Lead & share their voice



Parents
Support & advocate



Educators
Guide & encourage



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