

# How does it meet IDEA '97 mandates?

## Frequently Asked Question:

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## Answer:

IDEA mandates that children have the right to a free, appropriate public education provided in the least restrictive environment. When children begin to struggle to be successful in school and in related skill areas, a team of professionals collaborates with families to identify supports and barriers to successful performance.

The law indicates that the team must explore the child's needs in a comprehensive way, including finding alternative learning strategies, conducting formal assessments, and completing skilled observations, as well as interviewing and requesting information from parents, teachers, physicians and other service or care providers. The Sensory Profile evaluates a child in customary environments, focuses on family concerns, and links the effects of a child's disability to the child's participation in appropriate activities and general curriculum. The Sensory Profile provides evidence of validity for the specific purpose for which it is intended.

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