

8 Reasons to Challenge the Special Education Department On Behalf of Your Disabled Child

1. You will never know how much you can help your child by asking questions and challenging the system.
 2. In many cases, it appears the Special Ed Department offers the services they already have rather than first considering what the child's needs are.
 3. Special Education is not a "one size fits all" type of service and the I in IEP stands for Individualized not Identical.
 4. Few, if any, of the School Board members have children of their own with special needs.
 5. The elementary and secondary school years are your child's most important formative years. Their education is just as important as that of their non-disabled peers.
 6. Insist on mandatory training for teachers to better equip them to teach children with special needs.
 7. Ask to see documentation that the skills outlined in the IEP have actually been acquired.
 8. You are your child's best advocate!
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