

KNOW YOUR **SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS**

This pandemic has affected our way of life, but it should not change the quality of our children’s education. The US Department of Education requires schools “make every effort” to provide special education and related services to students in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Suggested items to include in your child’s IEP:

- Clear line of communication with student, parents, and teachers—once, twice, three times a week depending on your student’s needs
- Monthly or bi-monthly meetings to discuss student’s progress
- Verification that service minutes and their delivery are addressed for both remote and in-person learning
- Focus on each goal one at a time, possibly bi-monthly, so that each goal and its objectives can be properly addressed

Other things to keep in mind:

- Be sure to document any changes you notice in your student’s education and any noticeable decrease in skills, knowledge, or engagement
- The IEP team (or appropriate personnel) must determine whether, and how much, additional resources are needed to make up for any skills that may have been lost
- You have the right to request a due process hearing any time you feel your child’s rights are being denied

If you believe that your student’s educational rights have been violated, please call Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada at 702-386-1501 or email special@lacsncsn.org