

An Overview of Special Education

- ❖ **Special Education** is not a place.
- ❖ **Special Education** is a set of services to give children with disabilities extra help at school.
- ❖ **Special Education** services are based on each individual child's educational needs.
- ❖ To get **Special Education**, your child's disability should cause him or her some problems at school.



If you have questions about:

- Whether your child has a disability;
- Whether your child needs special education; or
- How to get special education services in your child's neighborhood school...

Please contact **University Legal Services** at (202)547-0198 for more information and to see if we can help.

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

Students with disabilities can be educated in the same schools and classrooms as children without disabilities.

Your child's special education placement should give him or her the greatest contact with children who are the same age and who do not have disabilities, while still meeting his or her educational needs.



University Legal Services

University Legal Services (ULS) is a private, non-profit organization that serves as the federally-mandated protection and advocacy program for individuals with disabilities in the District of Columbia.

Our services include:

- Individual legal representation and advocacy;
- Information and referral services;
- Education and training; and
- Investigation of possible abuse or neglect of individuals with disabilities.

All services are provided free of charge.



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