

Dyersburg City Schools

Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

At Dyersburg City Schools, we believe that every student deserves the support and opportunities they need to be successful. For students with disabilities, this support often comes through an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

What is an IEP?

An IEP is a written plan developed for each student who receives special education services. It is designed to meet that student's unique learning needs and to help them succeed both in school and in life.

What's Included in an IEP?

Each IEP is personalized and may include:

- Your child's current strengths and areas of need
- Annual goals designed to help your child grow academically, socially, and emotionally
- Specialized instruction and services your child will receive
- Any supports or accommodations needed in the classroom or during testing
- A plan for how progress will be measured and shared with you

Who Creates the IEP?

IEPs are created by a team that includes:

- Parents and guardians (the most important partners!)
- General education teachers
- Special education teachers
- School administrators
- Specialists (such as speech-language pathologists, occupational or physical therapists, etc., depending on your child's needs)
- The student, when appropriate

This team is called the IEP Team, and they work together to design a plan that ensures your child can learn, grow, and thrive.

Your Role as a Parent

Parents are vital members of the IEP Team. You know your child best, and your input helps guide decisions. Dyersburg City Schools values and encourages your involvement in every step, from planning and setting goals to monitoring progress.

Why IEPs Matter

An IEP isn't just a document, it's a promise. It ensures that your child receives the right support and services to help them reach their fullest potential.