

IEP VS. 504: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

	IEP	504 PLAN
Law	IDEA	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
Services	Special education + accommodations	Accommodations only
Eligibility	Disability must affect educational performance, including social-emotional well-being and classroom participation	Disability must limit a major life activity
Written Goals	Yes	No
Speech Therapy	Can be included	Not typically included (<i>but possible</i>)
Legal Protections	Through IDEA; strong, with dispute resolution options	Through the Office for Civil Rights; strong, but less detailed enforcement