

# MAXIMIZE SCHOOL SUCCESS



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Parents of children with special healthcare needs should use the following as a guide to help their child succeed in school.

## **Understand the legal protections for your child with special health care needs.**

Learn about the legal protections that guarantee access to education for your child.

## **Request educational services for your child.**

Request educational services, such as an IEP or Section 504 plan, to meet your child's educational needs.

## **Gather information.**

Gather information about how your child's special health care need might impact his or her educational experience.

## **Meet with school personnel.**

Build a relationship with your child's teacher and the educational team to help meet your child's needs.

## **Prepare your child.**

Develop your child's self-advocacy and coping skills to help him or her manage their special health care needs in school.

## **Review and revise progress.**

Once educational accommodations are in place, periodically review your child's progress, and work with the school to revise your child's accommodations.

## **Organize the information.**

Organize and package the information you gathered so you can present it to the school and request educational services and accommodations.