Congratulations! You have a kindergartner! This is a big transition for your child, and for you. With your involvement and the right supports in place, your child will have a fantastic year!

In kindergarten, the focus changes from family to student. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) is all about your student and their unique needs. The IEP describes what your child's school district will provide so they receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

It’s about trajectory! The decisions you make early on have an impact down the road. It’s never too early to start dreaming big dreams for the future. Kindergarten is the beginning of a long journey for your child—and your advocacy makes a difference.

You are a critical part of your child’s IEP team. You know your child best, and your participation is essential for success. Share your child's one-page profile, and prepare written parent input before IEP meetings.

Special education is a service, not a place. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) says kids with disabilities should be educated alongside kids without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate, and only removed if they cannot make progress, even when provided services and supports.

Stay involved in your child's education throughout the year! Your child is not just a student with a disability, but also an important and valuable member of their classroom and their school.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If behaviors are impacting your student at school, we are here to help! Our parent-led staff can provide support tools, templates, and strategies to help you be your child’s best advocate.

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