



# Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program

Tennessee's Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program is a school choice program for eligible students with disabilities. The IEA Program gives parents and students access to public education funds to use on certain types of approved educational expenses that best meet their own unique needs.

The [IEA webpage](#) provides comprehensive information for parents about the IEA Program, including student eligibility, how to apply for a student to have an IEA, the rights and responsibilities of account holders, how IEA funds can be used, and much more.

## We encourage all interested families to apply.

Each application that meets the program's student eligibility requirements<sup>1</sup> is accepted. New student applicants to the program must:

- 1** be a resident of Tennessee entering grades K-12
- 2** have an active Individualized Education Program (IEP) with a qualifying disability listed as the primary or secondary disability on the IEP:
  - autism
  - deaf-blindness
  - developmental delay
  - hearing impairments
  - intellectual disability
  - multiple disabilities
  - orthopedic impairments
  - specific learning disability
  - traumatic brain injury
  - visual impairments

*and*

- 3** meet the school enrollment criteria outlined on the IEA [website](#).

Once accepted, a participating student must enroll in and attend either a participating non-public school or an independent home school which meets the requirements of the department, including the requirements of Tennessee's school attendance law<sup>2</sup>.

Students enrolled in the IEA Program are eligible to use IEA funds for approved expenses, such as tuition and fees for a participating private school or educational therapies.

The New Student **IEA application** window for the 2023-24 school year is scheduled to open on Feb. 15, 2023, and will close at 4 p.m. CT/5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2023.

The application will be available on the department's website: [IEA Student Application & Renewal](#)

***No application extensions can be granted.***

Please contact the IEA Team at (615) 253-3781 or [IEA.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:IEA.Questions@tn.gov) with any questions.



<sup>1</sup> [Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-10-1402 \(3\)](#) and [State Board Rule Chapter 0520-01-11-.02\(11\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3005](#)