

# IEP VS. 504 PLAN COMPARISON

FEATURE	IEP	504 PLAN
<b>Law</b>	IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
<b>Eligibility</b>	Specific disability categories (13 under IDEA)	Any disability that limits a major life activity.
<b>Focus</b>	Specialized instruction + accommodations.	Accommodations only.
<b>Plan Type</b>	Highly detailed with annual goals.	General list of accommodations.
<b>Evaluation</b>	Comprehensive evaluation required.	May be based on school records and observations.
<b>Review</b>	Reviewed annually, re-evaluation every 3 years.	Reviewed periodically.
<b>Examples</b>	Reading intervention, speech therapy, behavior supports.	Extended time, seating choices, mental health breaks.