



Distance Learning Plans for Students with Disabilities (504 Plans and IEPs)

What is the purpose of the Distance Learning Plan?

IEPs and 504 Plans were developed to be implemented in a traditional brick and mortar, face-to-face learning environment. The Distance Learning Plan (DLP) outlines how the IEP or 504 supports and services will be provided in a virtual learning environment. Your child's IEP or 504 Team will collaborate with you in order to individualize supports to best meet the needs of your child during distance learning.

Process

Parents of students with disabilities will be contacted by their child's special education case manager or 504 Coordinator during pre-planning to set up a virtual meeting to develop a Distance Learning Plan. The DLP will address the following based on the most current IEP or 504 Plan:

- An assessment of your child's ability to access distance learning including preferred types of activities and mode of access.
- Distance infrastructure available at home.
- How your child's special education services, accommodations, and related services identified in their IEP or 504 Plan can be effectively implemented in virtual learning settings necessitated by the District's response to COVID-19.
- How your child's special education teacher and other service providers will collect data related to IEP goals and objectives.
- Specialized instruction virtual classes may include a combination of the following:
 - Direct, real time instruction
 - Individual instruction via audio or video conference
 - Group instruction via audio or video conference
 - Student-directed assignments and activities
- Accommodations, instructional methods, frequency and communication for each content area will be outlined in the DLP.
- If your child is eligible for Speech-Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and/or Physical Therapy, these services will be addressed within the Distance Learning Plan. These services will be available through a teletherapy platform and the specific time for services will be communicated directly with you by the therapist.