



HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

HDRC

is a private non-profit public interest organization
established in 1977 as the
Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii.

HDRC

is Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System
for People with Disabilities,



as authorized in federal and state law
and designated by the Governor.

HDRC

protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights
of people with disabilities
through the provision of information and advocacy.

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO
EDUCATION

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates a free and appropriate public education. Special education and related services must be designed to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities and prepare them for employment and independent living.

This means that public schools must:

- ▶ Determine eligibility for specialized instruction
- ▶ Consider a child's individual needs for educational programming and related services and school to work transition
- ▶ Assure educational services are provided in the least-restrictive environment
- ▶ Provide equal access to extracurricular school related activities and programs
- ▶ Provide assistive technology if needed

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EDUCATION PRIORITIES

- **Arrest, suspension or expulsion from school of children with disabilities**
- **Identification of and early intervention for children with disabilities**
- **Evaluation of children with disabilities**
- **Preparation and adherence to 504 Plans, Individual Educational Programs (IEP) and Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP)**
- **Placement in the least restrictive, most integrated environment**
- **School to work transition of children with disabilities**
- **Provision of mental health and related services for children with disabilities**