

EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT REVIEW

A Reflective Process to Examine the Quality of IEPs

✦ Why EBR? Focus on Impact, Not Just Paperwork

IDEA contains hundreds of procedural requirements, yet procedural compliance alone does not guarantee improved student achievement. The EBR Process focuses on achieving meaningful outcomes and helps districts determine whether IEPs are reasonably calculated to provide educational benefit.

"An IEP must be reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child's circumstances."

— U.S. Supreme Court, *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School Dist.* (2017)

At a Glance: The Five-Step EBR Process

1 Review & Record



Chart key information from the Evaluation Report and three consecutive IEPs.

2 Check Alignment



Compare evaluation data, present levels, goals, services, and progress reports each year.

3 Track Development



Examine how the IEP evolved year to year and whether progress was addressed.

4 Evaluate Benefit



Decide if the IEPs were designed to provide educational benefit across three years, using evidence and rationale.

5 Plan Next Steps



Reflect on practices to strengthen as district and school teams move forward.

Benefits of EBR

- ✓ Promote team dialogue, professional growth, and reflective practices
- ✓ Ensure IEPs are compliant and provide meaningful benefit
- ✓ Identify areas of systemic and student-level strengths and opportunities for growth
- ✓ Endorsed by the National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCIS)

Schedule your Educational Benefit Review today!

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