# A Guided Tour of our Favorite Resources for Parents

## Partners Resource Network – partnerstx.org

Home page – Links at bottom of page to TEA website, TEA Special Education, TX Legal Framework, Procedural Safeguards, Guide to the ARD Process, IDEA Manual

Texas PTIs → find your PTI →links on right side to PATH, PEN and TEAM Projects

Calendar → links to local workshops and webinars

Resources

- Disabilities
- Education Laws → IDEA, Section 504, ADA, Texas Legal Framework, PRN Procedural Safeguards Video Series
- Babies & Toddlers
- Children (3 to 22)
- Transition
- Fact Sheets → English and Spanish sheets on a variety of topics
- Healthy Families
- Online Courses → IDEA 2004; Procedural Safeguards; Adult Services: An Overview of Services Available after High School for Young Adults with Disabilities – *must register for access*
- Spanish Resources → Information on a variety of resources in Spanish and Fact Sheets

## The Legal Framework for Special Education in Texas – framework.esc18.net

The most current version of both the Notice of Procedural Safeguards and the Parent's Guide to the ARD Process are located here in English and in Spanish.

The Special Education Rules and Regulations Side-by-Side is also located here.  This 3-panel document shows the Federal Regulations (IDEA), the Commissioner's Rules (Texas Administrative Code), and State Laws (Texas Education Code) all next to each other, side-by-side.  There is also an extensive table of contents at the beginning of the document.  The full document is 353 pages in length!

The framework is available in English and Spanish by clicking links at the top of the page.

Under the yellow box with the State of Texas → click the County-District Number button.  (Note:  it is not a requirement to have this number to access the framework, you can just click the Continue button, but it is handy because your search will then contain your local school district board policies in addition to the Federal and State information.)

Type in or search for your school district name → the school district number will be displayed → click the number to enter the framework.  This page also contains a link to the contact information for the district's Transition/Employment Services Designee, and a direct link to the school district's website.

Tour the Framework

**Framework Menu tab** → quick links to common topics → legal references are at the top of the page under the topic selected.  Board Policies will be listed if you selected a school district and the links will take you to the Policy Online site.  A summary of Federal and State Requirements are in the middle section of the chart.  Words that are underlined are clickable links leading to other topics.  The Citations in the right hand column show you the location and actual text of each part of the law described in the summary.  300 numbers are IDEA.

**Updates tab** → outline of changes made to the framework

**Resources tab** → handy links to Federal, Parent and State Resources, and links to Special Education Statewide Leadership and Projects (ESC priority projects)
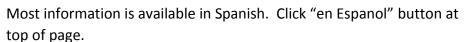
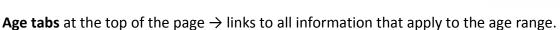**Glossary** → alphabetical listing of special education terms and acronyms

**Search** → will bring up every reference for the term you search for.  The search term will be highlighted in yellow.

**Documents** → the model IEP form, in English and Spanish; and the master timeline for services.


## Texas Project First - texasprojectfirst.org

Created by parents, for parents...this web site is a project of the Texas Education Agency and is committed to providing accurate and consistent information to parents & families of students with disabilities.

Most information is available in Spanish.  Click "en Espanol" button at top of page.

**Age tabs** at the top of the page → links to all information that apply to the age range.

Links on left side:

**Texas Education Agency** – Learn More → direct links to TEA website

**Laws, Rules and Regulations** → IDEA, 504, ADA, ESSA

**Special Education 101** → Student Introduction Portfolios, ARD agenda, Communication, Partnerships

**Public Input/Conferences** → statewide conference list

**Glossary and Acronyms**

## Wrightslaw – wrightslaw.com

Upper right corner → Google custom search

Quick links on Left side

Yellow Pages for Kids

Wrightslaw Books

Blog → Topic links on left side; Question? We Can Help; search box

## Texas Education Agency – tea.texas.gov

Quick link topics at top of page include:

- About TEA
- Curriculum & Instructional Materials
- Finance & Grants
- Reports & Data
- Student Testing & Accountability
- Texas Educators
- Texas Schools

**Texas Schools**

- General Information (right side menu) → School District Locator → Map page → Search icon → enter school district name → find information on individual schools including the TAPR report (Texas Academic Performance Report)

**Student Testing & Accountability** (STAAR test information)

- Testing → testing page → Student Assessment Overview (on right side) → under Student Assessment Resources click Parent Resources → Bold heading: Assessment of Students with Disabilities
- For District Accountability Reports: Testing → Program Monitoring & Interventions → Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) → Reports & Data → District Reports → Enter District Name → Continue

**Curriculum & Instructional Materials**

- Curriculum standards →TEKS Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (state curriculum) →Subject and grade level TEKS
- Graduation Information→ State Graduation Requirements
- Instructional Materials → Accessible Materials (on right side)
- Special student Populations → Bilingual, Dyslexia, Early Childhood Education, Gifted & Talented Education, Foster, Homeless, Migrant
- Subject Areas → Curriculum (quick links on right side)

- Special Education → Dispute Resolution Process → Mediation, Complaint Resolution, Due Process

  Special Education → Parent and Family Resources → ESC Technical Assistance; Guidance on ARD Guide, Parent Revocation of Consent, Procedural Safeguards; Parent Training and Information Projects (PTI) *This is PRN!

  Special Education → Programs and Services → ESY; IEP Model Form; IEP Facilitation; Reading & Special Education; Resources to Support Student Access to the General Curriculum; Response to Intervention (RTI); School Health & Related Services; Sensory Impairment; Services for Texas Students with Disabilities Ages 3-5; Significant Disproportionality; Special education Funding; Special Education Rules & Regulations; State Guidance; Student Handbook Statement (dealing with parents' right to request a special education evaluation); Texas Continuous Improvement Process.

  Special Education → Programs and Services → State Guidance → Admission Review & Dismissal Committee; Student Outcomes; Programs & Services; Early Childhood Transition; Parent Information; Dispute Resolution; Other (Coordinated Early Intervening Services; Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements; Homelessness; Interpreter Certification Guidance; Staff Development; Temporary Absences of Students with Disabilities.)

  Special Education → Special Education in Texas A-Z Index → Many topics are listed here that are not listed above. → Statewide Leadership Functions & Projects, provides links to resources provided by Education Service Centers – Each of these links lead to additional information, resources and documents.
  - Access to General Curriculum (AGC) Network (Region 20) → Center of page, Progress in General Curriculum - PGC Network → Standards-Based IEPs; Least Restrictive; Specially Designed Instruction; Grading/Progress Monitoring
  - Low Incidence Disabilities;
  - Parent Coordination Network;
  - Texas Assistive Technology Network;
  - Texas Behavior Support Initiative;
  - Texas Secondary Transition & Post School Results;
  - Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism;
  - Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired;
  - Services for the Deaf, & Hard of Hearing.
  - Links for the Legal Framework;
  - Texas Autism Conference, &
  - Texas Initiative for Disproportionate Representation in Special Education are also included here.

**At the top of each page on the TEA website, parents or professionals can sign up to receive updates on specific topics when they are released.