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RESOURCE LIST

Overview of Everything

[Quick Reference Sheet on all things 504 and Special Education Forms for Special Education in MA](#)

Laws

[US Department of Education Laws and Guidance Rehab Act of 1973](#)
[IDEA, 504, ADA: Which Laws Do What?](#)

Child Find/Referral

[Child Find Resources for Special Education in MA](#)
[Pre-Referral Timeline](#)
[Special Education Timeline](#)
[Consent for Evaluation](#)

Procedural Safeguards

[Parent Notice of Procedural Safeguards](#)

Eligibility

[Special Education Eligibility Determination \(D1\)](#)
[US Dept of Ed FAQs about Protecting Students with Disabilities](#)

Support Services in Schools for Students

RTI/MTSS

[Response to Intervention/Multi Tiered Support Systems](#)
[MA Multi-Tiered System of Support Blueprint](#)

Behavior Intervention Plan

[What is a Behavior Intervention Plan](#)
[Behavior Intervention Plan](#)

504 Information

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr28.html?section=08>
[Children's Law Center of Massachusetts - 504 Plans](#)
[Office of Civil Rights \(OCR\)](#)



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Special Education - IEP

[MA DESE Special Education Homepage](#)
[Special Education Laws and Regulations](#)
[Process of the IEP](#)
[MA IEP Forms](#)
[Annotated IEP Checklist](#)
[Blank IEP form](#); [Sample CW IEP](#); [New IEP](#)
[A Parent's Guide to the Special Education Process](#)
[Federation for Children with Special Needs](#)
[FCSN Parent Training and Information Center](#)
[IEP Process Flowchart](#)
[IEP Forms and Notices](#)

Independent Schools and Education for Students with Disabilities

[Proportionate Share](#) (DESE website provides thorough resources)
[Summary of District Obligations](#)
[Guidance for Proportionate Share](#)
[A course you can go through and learn all about Proportionate Share](#)
ideaequitable.services@doe.mass.edu

Resources for Support When Disagreeing with the School System

BSEA (Bureau of Special Education Appeals)

[Bureau of Special Education Appeals \(BSEA\)](#)
[Continuum of options for dispute resolution with partial or full rejection](#)
[Mediation](#)
[Due Process Hearing](#)
[Hearing request form](#)
[Process with timelines](#)
[Statutes and Regulations for Due Process](#)

Problem Resolution System of DESE

[Problem Resolution System](#)
[Procedures and Guidelines](#)



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Transition Planning

[Information from MA DOE about Transitioning from Special Education](#)
[Transition Planning Form](#)
[Chapter 688 as a part of Transition Planning](#)
[Chapter 688 referral](#)
[Chapter 688 planning process](#)
[Summary of Performance Upon Transitioning Off of the IEP](#)
[DOE Postsecondary Guide to Transition](#)

College Planning for Students with Disabilities

[Considerations for Life After High School](#)
[Ldadvisory.com](#)

Books

[7 Steps to College Success](#)
[Taking Flight](#)

Examples of Summer Bridge Programs

[Summer Programs at Landmark College,](#)
[UMASS Lowell Cares Horizons program](#)
[Mitchell on Thames](#)
[Semester Off](#)
[Focus Collegiate](#)

Schools for only Students with Learning Disabilities

[Landmark College](#)
[Beacon College](#)

Some Gap Year Resources (not exhaustive)

[SOAR](#)
[Dynamy](#)
[CIP](#)
[Semester Off](#)

Consultants who can help with Gap Planning

[J2Guides.com](#)
[Gap Year Solutions](#)



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Subseparate Living and Academic Support for College

[Mansfield Hall](#)

[Summit Campus](#), etc.

2-year college options for students with disabilities such as (examples)

Middlesex Community College: [Transition Program](#),

MassBay Community College: [Transitional Scholars Program](#),

North Shore Community College: [Bridges to the Future](#).

Riverview School GROW Program with Cape Cod Community College
(Sandwich, MA) www.riverviewschool.org

Salem State University: [EMBARK](#)

4 Year College pay-as-you-go or grant programs on the campuses themselves

Curry - [PAL program](#)

Dean - [Arch Learning support and other supports](#)

[Landmark \(VT\)](#)

[Mitchell \(CT\)](#)

[Beacon \(FL\)](#)

UMASS Lowell [CARES](#)

Westfield State and the [Banacos Learning Disabilities Program](#)

Merrimack College [Academic Success Programs](#)

Pace University - [Oasis Program](#)

And so many more