







Related Services

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires the IEP to include a description of any related services a student requires to benefit from special education services. Related services refer to developmental, corrective, and other supportive services.

Element	Overview	Considerations & Examples
Determination 	The IEP team determines if a student requires a related service.	The IEP team determines if a student requires a related service based on data from evaluations, classroom performance, and other appropriate sources.
Examples of Related Services 	Several supports can be provided to a student with a disability as a related service.	Examples of related services include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech-language pathology • Physical therapy • Occupational therapy • Transportation • Audiology services
Speech-Language Services 	Speech-language services are designed to help students who have communication deficits perform important learning and school-related activities.	Speech-language services can address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulation • Fluency • Voice speech disorders
Physical Therapy Services 	Physical therapy addresses a student's muscle strength, mobility, and organization of movement in the school setting.	Physical therapy can address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross motor function • Functional mobility • Environmental adaptations • Equipment needs
Occupational Therapy 	Occupational Therapy focuses on daily living skills and supports students' ability to function and participate in the school setting.	Examples of areas of need addressed by Occupational Therapy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance • Body awareness • Sensory regulation • Executive functioning • Attention
Transportation 	Transportation services include travel to school and from school. Transportation services may include specialized equipment such as specialized buses, lifts, ramps or other necessary equipment.	Transportation services can address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility needs • Behavioral needs • Safety needs