

IEP vs. ISP Comparison Chart

Topic	IEP (Individualized Education Plan)	ISP (Individualized Service Plan)
Scope of services	Details a full offer of FAPE (free and appropriate public education).	No FAPE requirement. Services are offered based on the student's IEP in consult with parents and the private school, with equitable distribution of ISP funds in mind (this may not include every service area in the IEP)
Funding	No cap on district spending	Limited pot of money each school year based on an annual count of the number of special education eligible students in local private schools.
Residential requirements	Student receives services from the public school district in which he/she resides, even if the Catholic school is located in a different public school district.	Student receives services from the public school district in which the Catholic school is located.
Enrollment	Student is a full or part-time student in the public school district (typically part-time in the public school, part-time in the Catholic school).	Student is full time enrolled at his/her Catholic school.
Duration of services	Service is offered continuously until the student is exited from special education.	Service decisions are made on a school-year-by-school-year basis (no guarantee from year to year). If the funding runs out before the school year is over, services will stop for that year until the next year.
Location of services	Services can be provided at either the neighborhood school or the Catholic school depending on staff availability. Typically services are provided at the public school.	Services can be provided at either the neighborhood school or the Catholic school depending on staff availability. Typically services are provided at the Catholic school.
Transportation	Transportation to the neighborhood school must be provided if necessary.	Transportation may be provided if it is part of the proportionate share spending plan. Typically there are not enough proportionate share funds to cover transportation. More often than not transportation is not necessary because the services are provided at the Catholic school.