

Special Education

Parent IEP Prep Statement

Crafting your Parent Concerns Statement

W O R K B O O K



Annual IEP Update Year: _____

Why Craft any Statement to Prepare for the IEP?

01

Change from Negative

The IEP team must focus on the struggles and negatives of your child's education, this is required by law. It is your job to turn that into the positive and inspire.

02

Change from Small

Your child's goals will be SMART ones but you can craft DREAM goals in your statement!

03

You Voice Matters

The team wants your input! It matters! Speak up, share your dreams and concerns for your child!

What is a parent prep statement/parent concerns statement?

This statement is a place for you to formally express your concerns, goals, and passions for your child. It is a way for you to share the pieces of your child's education that are most important to you, so the team knows where you would like the focus to be. It is a way to share your voice in a way that is non-confrontational and will be heard by the whole team. It is a way for your dreams for your child to be shared!

Where does my statement go?

In the state of Missouri we do not have Parent Vision or Team Vision Statements that are a required piece of the IEP. The statement you are preparing will be placed into the "Parent Concerns" section of your child's IEP. This is located typically on the second page of your child's IEP.

Brainstorming Ideas for the Vision Statement

1

What are your **future** and **long-term** goals for your child? In the areas of academics, communication, behavior, and/or social/emotional?

2

What are your concerns/areas are you most passionate about your child succeeding in ACADEMICALLY?

3

What are your concerns/areas are you most passionate about your child succeeding in SOCIALLY and in SENSORY/SELF-REFUALTION?

4

What are your concerns/areas are you most passionate about in your child succeeding in the area of COMMUNICATION?

Crafting!

You can write this thing!

All you have to do is fill in the blanks with your Child's name, and fill in the answers to the questions you answered on the last page.

As _____ parents, we would like to see our (son/daughter) _____, grow in all areas showing improvement in: **(question 2 answer)**, and **(question 3 answer)**, **(question 4 answer)**, for the purpose of _____ successfully being prepared for my goal for (him/her) to **(question 1 answer)**.

Example:

As Allison's parents, we would like to see our daughter Allison, grow in all areas showing the most improvement in reading comprehension at grade level, participating in extra-curricular activities, and asking questions of teachers, with the purpose of Allison successfully being prepared for my goal for her to go to Hillyard during high school to become a dental hygienist.