

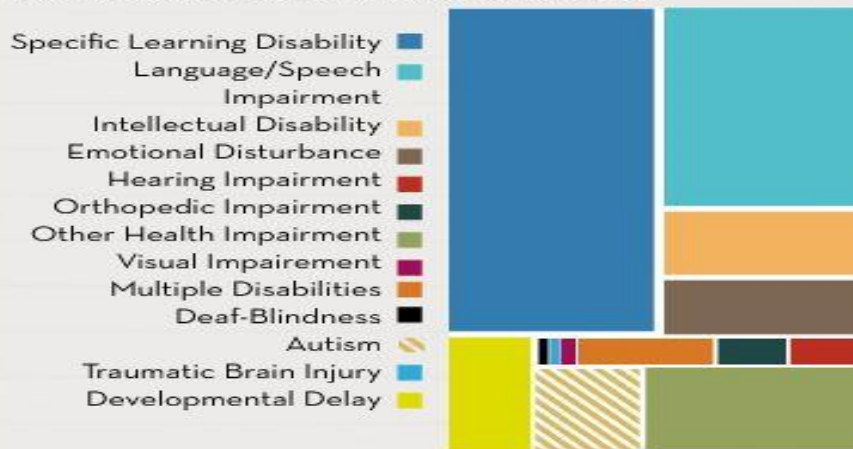
# SPECIAL EDUCATION 101

## WHAT IS SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, special education is defined as: "Specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability." Special education is in place to provide additional services, support, programs, specialized placements or environments to ensure that all students' educational needs are met.

## TYPES OF SPECIAL NEEDS

Students who have identified needs like these 13 major classifications are eligible for special education service:



## HOW MANY U.S. K-12 STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?



■ Special Education Population  
■ General Student Population

## INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

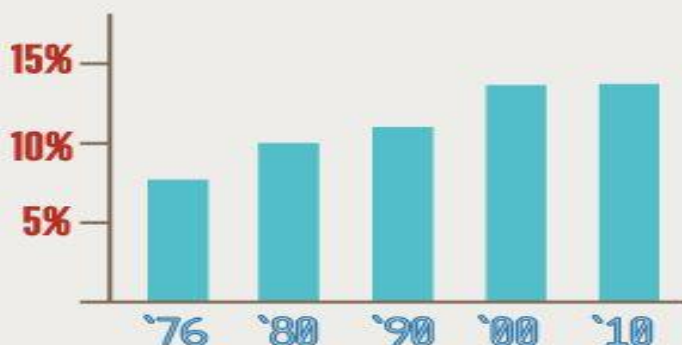
- a detailed description of all special education services a student receives
- a legal document meant to improve the student's educational experience
- includes: current performance | goals | settings | testing modifications

## COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

- responsible for ensuring the needs of all students with disabilities are met
- receives referrals for special education services
- arranges assessment for students to potentially receive services
- reviews results of assessments
- collaboratively creates and reviews a student's IEP
- consists of: the CSE chair/school representative | special education teachers | the students parents/guardians | regular education teachers | assessment experts

## SPECIAL EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS

PERCENT OF STUDENTS ENROLLED



PERCENT OF STUDENTS ENROLLED WITH A SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY

