

## The Role of the General Educator for the Education of Learners with Disabilities

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## PL 94-142 (IDEA)

- FAPE- Free, Appropriate Public Education
  - Reauthorized as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Originally passed in 1975
  - Many reauthorizations
    - Called Article 7 in Indiana, latest version called IDE Improvement Act, 2004

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## Six Assurances of IDEA, Article 7

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ■ Zero reject                   | ■ Individualized Education Program |
| ■ Non-discriminatory Assessment | ■ Least-restrictive Environment    |
| ■ Procedural Due Process        | ■ Parental Participation           |

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## First Assurance

- Zero Reject
- Child Find Procedures
- FAPE
  - Regardless of severity or nature of disability



FAPE - FREE & Appropriate Public Education

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## Second Assurance



- Non-discriminatory Assessment
  - Elimination of cultural or racial bias
  - More than one test/person
  - Assessment and communication with family in native language

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## Third Assurance

- Procedural Due Process
  - Confidentiality of Records
  - Right to mediation, hearings
  - Parental participation

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