

At a glance:



# IDEA in Nebraska



## Is my child eligible?

Children with chronic illnesses can receive educational accommodations under the IDEA *Other Health Impairments (OHI)* category.

To receive educational accommodations under IDEA OHI, your child must:

- » Have physical or mental limitations due to the chronic illness.
- » Experience negative impacts on educational performance due to the chronic illness.



## How long does the eligibility evaluation take?

Schools have **45 school days** to complete your child's evaluation to determine eligibility.



## Where does my child receive educational accommodations?

Your child will most likely receive educational accommodations in the regular classroom.



## When will my child get an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?

The IEP team must have a meeting and develop an IEP within **30 calendar days** of determining your child is eligible for educational accommodations under IDEA.



## Where can I get help?

**DISABILITY RIGHTS NEBRASKA**—Assists individuals with disabilities and their families in protecting and advocating for their rights. Promotes the principles of equality, self-determination, and dignity of persons with disabilities.

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## Can I participate in my child's IEP team?

Yes, parents are equal members of the IEP team and have a say in the development and implementation of the child's IEP.

**PTI NEBRASKA**—Provides training, information, and support to Nebraska families with children who need special education and related services.

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