

WHAT IS IDEA?

The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**, also known as IDEA, was originally passed in 1975 and reauthorized most recently in 2007. This act guides states in the provision of special education services for students with educational disabilities. The implementation of IDEA's provisions is supplemented by federal regulations set forth in the **Code of Federal Regulation**.

Pursuant to federal law, Kentucky must adopt state laws describing how Kentucky will implement federal laws and regulations. These laws are contained within the **Kentucky Revised Statutes** (KRS). One section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes specifically addresses services for students with educational disabilities.

The **Kentucky Administrative Regulations** (KAR) includes eleven sections dedicated to special education services. The regulations include requirements for the implementation of services for students with educational disabilities. The KAR are in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS).

Bath County Schools' Implementation of IDEA

The Bath County Board of Education has adopted local district procedures that describe how the school district will implement services for students with disabilities. Local procedures provide greater detail of service provision than state and federal laws and regulations. Each of the 176 school districts in Kentucky is required to develop a set of procedures. As a result, there are 176 sets of local district exceptional children procedures. The Bath County Exceptional Children Procedures are approved by the Bath County Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education.

