

LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT (LRE)

SCHOOL AGE (5-21)

INDICATOR
5

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES



The **LRE dashboard** can be used to help LEAs and families better understand their LRE performance to ensure equity across various demographic categories. (*coming soon*)



Technical assistance for LEAs to access direct consultation and professional development for the performance and compliance indicators.



Guidance and resources to **understand LRE**, this includes the **IEP toolkit series**.



Facilitated IEP meetings are offered by the NJDOE as a form of conflict resolution in order to promote productive, student centered IEP meetings.



FOCUS QUESTION

Are students with disabilities receiving special education and related services in the least restrictive environment?

DEFINITION

Percentage of children with individualized education programs (IEPs) aged 5 (who are enrolled in kindergarten) through 21 served in the following settings:

- Indicator 5A. Inside the regular class 80% or more of the day.
- Indicator 5B. Inside the regular class less than 40% of the day.
- Indicator 5C. In separate schools, residential facilities, or home-bound/hospital placements.

States must report five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in kindergarten in this indicator. Five-year-old children with disabilities who are enrolled in preschool programs are included in Indicator 6. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

DATA SOURCE

NJSMART

CALCULATION



(# of students with IEPs aged 5 (who are enrolled in kindergarten) through 21 served in (5A, 5B or 5C)



divided by the (total # of students aged 5 (who are enrolled in kindergarten) through 21 with IEPs)

x 100

Note: Educational Environment information is not collected for students determined eligible for special education and related services who were parentally placed in a sectarian or non-sectarian private school that may or may not be providing services. Parentally placed students are, however, included in the total count of students.

Data Legend:

- Some data on the Local Special Education Profile may not be displayed in order to protect student privacy.
- Accountability calculations require 20 or more students.
- If a local profile indicates "N," there is No Data available to display (i.e., An LEA serving grades 9th-12th has N for Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition).