

LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT (LRE)

SCHOOL AGE (5-21)



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



[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 IEPs ages 3, 4 and 5 (who are enrolled in a preschool program) and receive special education and related services in the following settings:

- Indicator 6A. Regular preschool setting.
- Indicator 6B. Separate special education setting (class, school, or residential facility).
- Indicator 6C. Home setting.

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 3, 4, and 5 (who are enrolled in pre-k) with IEPs and receiving a majority of services in (6A, 6B or 6C)

x 100



divided by the (total # of students aged 3, 4 and 5 (who are enrolled in pre-K) with IEPs)

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," no data is available to display (i.e., An LEA serving grades 9th-12th has N for Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition).