

Special Education

- ❖ If the minor has never attended traditional school and/or understands that he/she has any special need can register it in the regional office of the Department of Special Education.
- ❖ Unilateral locations (Homeschooling and private schools) are entitled to therapy (occupational, speech and language, psychological, among others); refer to the Special Education Department for details of eligibility, approved therapies, availability of funds, and continuity of services.
- ❖ So it is not necessary for the minor to be enrolled in the Department of Education, only must be registered in the Department of Special Education and be eligible to receive therapies.
- ❖ People lacking information could mention that by doing Homeschooling you have no right but it is false. You should be well informed about this since, if you are eligible and there are no funds available, we will inform you in writing.
- ❖ They will make you a Service Plan (no longer PEI).
Technological Assistance - taken from the DE 2016 Technological Assistance Guide (page 36 and 89)

2. When a Special Education student is placed by the DE in a private school and the student's IEP establishes the need for an Assistive Technology (AT) evaluation, the DE is responsible for providing those services and equipment, provided that they are necessary for educational purposes.

The DE is not responsible for providing AT equipment to students who are unilaterally placed by their parents in private schools. The final determination regarding the provision of services in this area will be made in accordance with the current provisions established by the consultation committee for the corresponding year.

Students in homeschooling alternatives are considered to be unilaterally placed.



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- ❖ Although the assessments and therapies (related services) do not lose them, it should be noted that there will be other services they received at school that could NOT have them, as they are only offered for the classroom environment. Some of them could be, but are not limited to: lounge services resource, adapted physical education, T1, technology assistance teams, transportation (including scholarships).
- ❖ The Department of Education owns the "Homebound" service but this is not considered Homeschooling since the student is enrolled in the public system. This service offers a teacher's visit to the home or hospital, usually once a week, for students who are unable to attend school due to medical conditions.
- ❖ To re-enter a special education student into the public system, he or she must follow the same process as other students; they will be offered subject-specific diagnostic tests but will make reasonable arrangements.
If you face problems disbarring or re-entering, you must apply for a
- ❖ COMPU with a district representative.

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- ❖ It is suggested to have a folder, apart from the academic portfolio, that contains:

- IDEA Law
- Special Education Procedures Manual
- Service Plan
- Minutes
- Medical assessments
- Specialist assessments
- Laboratory results
- Referred

- ❖ When you review your annual Service Plan with the education region, to set goals for the year, you may be asked about the student's academic progress. It would be appropriate for you to go with your academic portfolio, a report of grades or progress (detailing achievements and areas of opportunity). You can add a list of materials and resources used and extracurricular activities so that the record shows all the initiatives they carry out at home and which validate why it is the best and least restrictive environment for your child.

Link Resources - Special Education

Education Department – Special Education

<https://de.pr.gov/educacion-especial/servicios-ee/servicios/>

Timon Special Education Class Action Committee

<https://www.facebook.com/comitetimon/>

www.comitetimon.com

APNI

<https://www.facebook.com/APNI.Apoyo>

www.apnipr.org

Technology Assistance

<https://www.facebook.com/asistenciatecnologica/>

<http://www.pratp.upr.edu/>

Early Intervention Program Moving Forward Together (0-36 months)

<http://www.salud.gov.pr/Dept-de-Salud/Pages/Unidades-Operacionales/Secretaria-Auxiliar-de-Salud-Familiar-y-Servicios-Integrados/Division-Madres-Ninos-y-Adolescentes.aspx>

Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://www.arv.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Provisional Relief

<https://unidaddocentesaee.wixsite.com/educacionespecialpr/remedio-provisional>