TEN UNWRITTEN RULES of Special Education

01. Testing

You have the right to ask for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)

02. Drafts

A draft is just a draft. Even if it looks official, you can still ask for changes.

03. Timing

You can ask to change the IEP at any time.

04. Language

You have the right to a qualified interpreter. You can also ask for a translated version of the IEP.

05. Authority

You know your child best. You have the right to ask questions and advocate

06. Refusals

If the school says no, ask for it in writing in a Prior Written Notice (PWN).

07. Funding

A school cannot deny your child's accommodations due to limited funding or staff.

08. Status

Your child has the right to special education services, no matter your citizenship status.

09. Data

Get everything in writing. Schools use data to make decisions.

10. Expertise

You are the expert in your child's life. Teachers know the curriculum.