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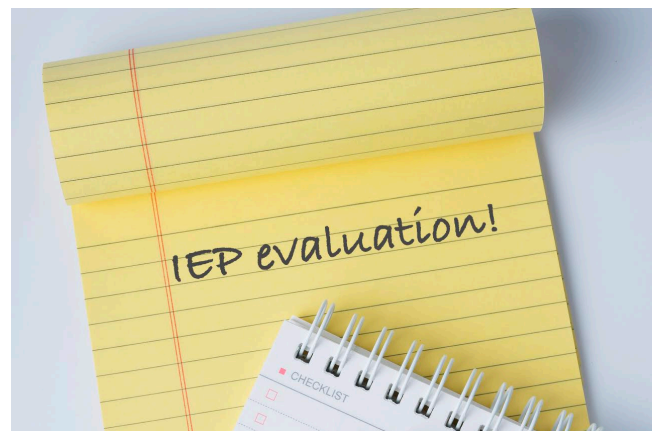
## UPDATE on Your Child's Academic Rights!

**BREAKING NEWS:** [The Supreme Court has just ruled in favor](#) of a child affected by autism and ADHD regarding a student's right to a free and appropriate education.

The court reversed a lower-court decision stating school districts only had to meet the minimum in showing a child's academic progress on an IEP.

The court has ruled instead that school districts must create and follow IEPs that are "appropriately ambitious" in a child's education.

Also in this week's issue, we share how Missy Alexander deconstructs the academic evaluation process and explains the differences between an Individual Education Plan and a 504 Plan. Parents are often concerned about how the evaluation will be conducted. Ms. Alexander answers parents' questions about how they can best



work with the school to help their children.

Interested in learning more? [Keep reading for more information on this important court case and how you can request IEP or 504 services for your child.](#)

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## Is ADHD Hereditary?

Your eye color and curly hair may run in your family. But what about ADHD? We know ADHD is a brain-based condition, and recent research suggests there may be a genetic link. What exactly is known, and what does it all mean for you and your family?

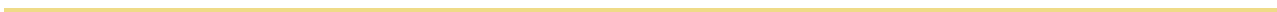
[Keep reading for more details!](#)

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## Educational Rights: Public vs. Private Schools

What are your child's educational rights in a public or private school? Private schools are not required to meet the same standards as public schools, often to a parent's surprise.

What do you need to know about how IDEA and Section 504 might apply in your child's school? [Continue reading for a better understanding of how these laws are applied at your child's school and how you can ensure your child's needs are met.](#)





## IEP or 504 Plan? Get the Picture

Children affected by ADHD often need academic accommodations to be successful in school. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are specifically designed to ensure students with disabilities receive equal access to education and school activities. Both acts guarantee a free and appropriate public education to all children, regardless of ability.

We took the important information about these educational laws and created an easy to understand infographic to explain the differences between these approaches. Our new infographic shows the differences between these two laws, how eligibility is determined for children

with ADHD, and the types of support received under each.

Download this useful graphic now! [IDEA vs. Section 504](#)

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# ADHD *in the News*

- Study: Rates of ADHD diagnosis and medication treatment continue to increase substantially
- Autoimmune disease linked to ADHD
- Nonadherence to ADHD medication in adolescents transitioning into college
- Study links ADHD drug use to improved reading skills among children with dyslexia

Read these and other articles in the [ADHD in the News weekly digest](#).

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## Did You Know?

CHADD offers a free discount prescription card. The UNA Prescription Card could help reduce your costs for prescription medications at participating pharmacies. It can be used along with your health care plan prescription program and it can be used for prescriptions not covered by your plan. For more information and to receive a free card, visit [Medical Benefit Program](#) now.

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