



INFORMAL DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPS

TOPIC: CHANGE OF PLACEMENT TO HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION

DOES THIS **SOUND FAMILIAR?**

- Your child's school suggests changing your child's placement to "home-based instruction" because of behavior issues at school?

IF SO, **ASK THE IEP TEAM**

- Is home-based instruction necessary to address my child's unique disability-related needs?

IF THE **ANSWER IS YES**

- Ask for an IEP meeting.
- Ask for appropriate data and documentation that supports the school's decision.
- Ask the school to explain why your child cannot receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in a less restrictive setting and must be placed in home-based instruction, which is the most restrictive placement.
- Suggest trying other supports, services, and accommodations in the school setting before changing the placement to Home-Based instruction.
- State your disagreement about the placement at the IEP meeting and ask for it to be recorded in the meeting notes.
- Ask for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) to get a second opinion on what your child needs.

HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION—**WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE?**

- When all other placements with additional supports, services and/or accommodations are unable to provide the student with FAPE.
- When the student has a life-threatening medical condition that does not allow the student to safely attend school.