

# Progress Reports:

## A Parent / Guardian's Guide to Success

### Video Transcript

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Host: "Hello, everyone! Today, we're going to discuss special education progress reports, a crucial tool in tracking your child's educational development and progress. We'll explore what these reports are, when you'll receive them, and how to use the information effectively."

Host: "Progress reports are formal updates provided to parents or guardians detailing how a child is advancing toward meeting the goals outlined in their Individualized Education Program, or IEP. These reports highlight achievements, areas of improvement, and any necessary adjustments in teaching strategies or resources."

Host: "Typically, progress reports are issued as often as report cards for general education students. This might be quarterly or at the end of each trimester, depending on your district's schedule. The frequency is designed to ensure parents or guardians are regularly informed about their child's progress on their IEP goals."

Host: "Progress reports include specific details on your child's progress toward annual goals set in the IEP. They may show how well the child is performing in different areas, highlight successes, and suggest any changes needed to help meet those goals. This information is crucial for adjusting educational strategies as needed."

Host: "If a child isn't making the expected progress, it's vital to understand why. If the team has determined changes in programming are likely needed to support your child, they may schedule an IEP meeting to discuss potential changes with your child's education. Participating in these meetings as well as adding any information on insight you know of in regard to your child is helpful to the team in supporting your child's learning. Keep in mind that you can also request an IEP meeting at any time."

Host: "If you have questions or concerns about the progress reports, reach out to your child's teacher or IEP team. Open communication is essential for addressing any issues and ensuring your child receives the support they need."

Host: "Your school keeps records of all documents, such as progress reports, that are shared with you. You can request these at any time, however, many parents or guardians choose to keep records at home as well. When keeping records at home, we recommend having a

dedicated folder or binder for special education paperwork. It is helpful to bring the folder or binder to each team meeting if needed to reference during the meeting."

Host: "Progress reports are a valuable tool in understanding your child's educational journey. They can keep you in the know on your child's progress and if they need adjusting to their IEP or daily educational programming. By staying informed and involved, you can work with the school team to support your child's learning and growth. Thank you for watching!"

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