

The Special Education Process

The Virginia Department of Education published the **Parent's Guide to Special Education** in 2010 to help families understand their rights and responsibilities, their children's rights, and schools' responsibilities in meeting the special needs of children.

The guide includes a description of the special education process, and what is required of you and Arlington Public Schools during each step of the process. Families are encouraged to review the guide prior to attending special education meetings.

This guide highlights each step of the special education process, but additional, detailed information can be found in the VDOE **Parent's Guide to Special Education**.

The VDOE **Parent's Guide** is available online:

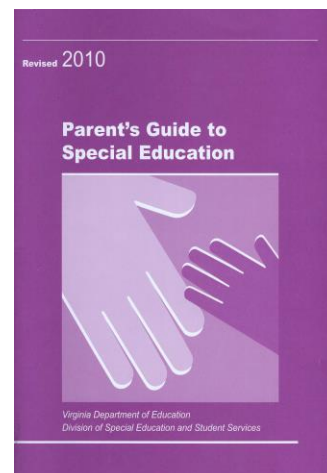
English: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/parents/parents_guide.pdf

Spanish: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/parents/parents_guide_spanish.pdf

e-PUB for mobile text readers: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/parents/parents_guide.epub

Additional VDOE parent resources and information pertaining to special education is available at: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/families/index.shtml>

Finally, Virginia's Special Education Parent Connection provides a wealth of information for families at: <https://vafamilysped.org/>



The Special Education Cycle

