



A Parents Review ©-

A parent's present on behalf of their child.

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Parents should present on behalf of their child at their child's IEP meeting. A "Parents Review" helps parents prepare their presentation.

Your Parent's Review might include:

- ***A picture of your child – name, age, grade level and share his gifts and strengths. This is a great way to start the meeting.***
- ***Your "mission statement" . As a leader in my child's life my mission statement is ..."***
- ***A thank you note to the team acknowledging the work they did with your child this year that helped them have a successful year. Be specific if you can.***
 - ***Ex: Ms. Smith provided new and successful speech therapy strategies this year that resulted in an increase in Sam's language and communication skills.***
- ***A review/overview of your child's year with a strong focus on the successes and celebrations at school and at home. No celebration is too small to mention!***
- ***Concerns***
- ***Share success strategies: My child is successful when.....***
- ***Share your hopes and dreams for your child with the team.***
- ***Share your nightmares.***
- ***Share your expectations for next year based on the MAP question "If it was the best year ever ~ what would it look like?" Positive and possible outcomes.***
- ***Share expectations you have for your child, for yourself, for the educational team.***
- ***End with a summary and address the specific information you want to convey.***

Helpful hints:

Start the meeting – call the director and let them know that you are going to start the meeting and tell them how much time you need.

At the start of the meeting introduce yourself and invite others to introduce themselves and share how they are involved with your child's education.

Share your parents review with the team. Ask if anyone has questions or need for clarification around a certain issue. Request that a copy be attached to the IEP document.

Proceed with the meeting

End the meeting by reviewing the key ideas and check for clarity regarding next steps.

Thank everyone!

