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Education for children with disability

Your rights



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



About this book



This book is from **Raising Children Network**.



Raising Children Network or
raisingchildren.net.au

is a website with information to help parents.

This book is about your child's **rights** to get
an **education**.



Education means you learn new things with
a teacher.



Rights means something that everyone should
be able to

- get
- have
- do.

Where can your child get an education?

Education happens in many places where people learn, for example



- at child care



- at school



- at university



- at a community college



- in training places
 - for example, TAFE.

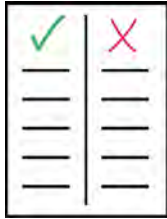


In this book we call all these places school.

What are your child's rights?



In Australia people with disability have a right to go to school like everybody else.



There are rules to make sure schools are fair to people with disability.



The rules say your child has a right to

- get the same choices as everybody else



- learn as much as everybody else



- feel good at school



- be safe at school.



All schools in Australia **must** follow the rules.

What must schools do for your child with disability?



The rules say a school **must** make changes to help your child.

The changes are called **reasonable adjustments**.

Reasonable adjustments are changes that are fair for everyone.



It means the changes must work for

- your child
- other children
- teachers
- the school.





The school might **not** know what to change to help your child.



You can speak with the school and find ideas together.



For example, a reasonable adjustment could be if

- your child has a wheelchair and the school moves desks to make more room

or



- it is hard for your child to hear and the school puts text on videos.



Tell the school which changes might help your child.

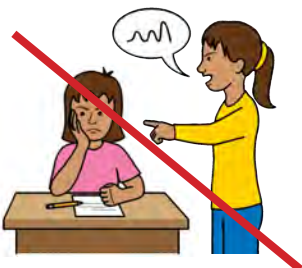


The school **must**

- listen to you



- find ideas about how to help your child best



- stop anyone from making your child feel bad at school.



The school can say **no** to adjustments that are

- very hard to make



- **not** fair for everyone.

What if the school does not follow the rules?

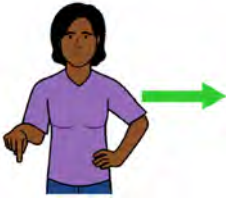


If you think the school is **not** fair to your child you can make a **complaint**.



A complaint means you tell the school

- what you are **not** happy about
- what you want to happen next.



The school **must** check that everybody follows the rules.



If the school does **not** follow the rules you can make a complaint to

- the Department of Education
- the Australian Human Rights Commission.





You can ask someone you trust to help you.

For example

- a family member



- a friend



- an **advocate**.



An advocate helps you say what you want for your child.

More information

National Information Service

You can get help to understand your rights.



Call 1300 656 419

Email infoservice@humanrights.gov.au

Australian Human Rights Commission

You can make a complaint online.



Website

humanrights.gov.au/complaints/make-complaint

Find an advocate



Website

disabilityadvocacyfinder.dss.gov.au/disability/ndap/

If you need help with English

Contact the Telephone Interpreting Service.



Call 131 450

If you need help to speak or listen

Use the National Relay Service.



Website

nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay



Call 1300 555 727

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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