

Language & Learning

Getting Ready For School

Ways To Track Your Child's Progress

It is time to start a notebook. Use at least a 2 inch ring binder with dividers. You and your parent/infant advisor can talk about the kinds of paper you will probably be receiving, but you will certainly need dividers for these:

IFSPs and IEPs (Individual Family Service Plan and Individual Educational Plan): These are the plans that you and the rest of your child's team write to help guide each year's program so that it meets your child's individual needs.

Initial and yearly evaluations: Before writing the next year's IEP, your child's team members will probe and test to see how last year's goals were met. You can help by reporting progress you have seen at home.

Three year evaluations: Every three years, a school district must verify that your child still needs to receive special services. Usually, a child with a hearing loss still qualifies for special support, but this is a good time to look at other areas as well, and see how things are going.

Report cards and teacher notes: When you and the teacher build a cooperative relationship, you can keep informed on a regular basis with notes. Hang on to those notes, so that you can see your child's progress.