



# Special Education and School Discipline in the U.S.

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# Special Education

**Federal Law = Individuals with  
Disabilities Education Act**

**State Law = Mass Gen Law ch. 71B**

# Right to Special Education

**1**

Student  
has a  
disability

**2**

Failure  
to make  
progress

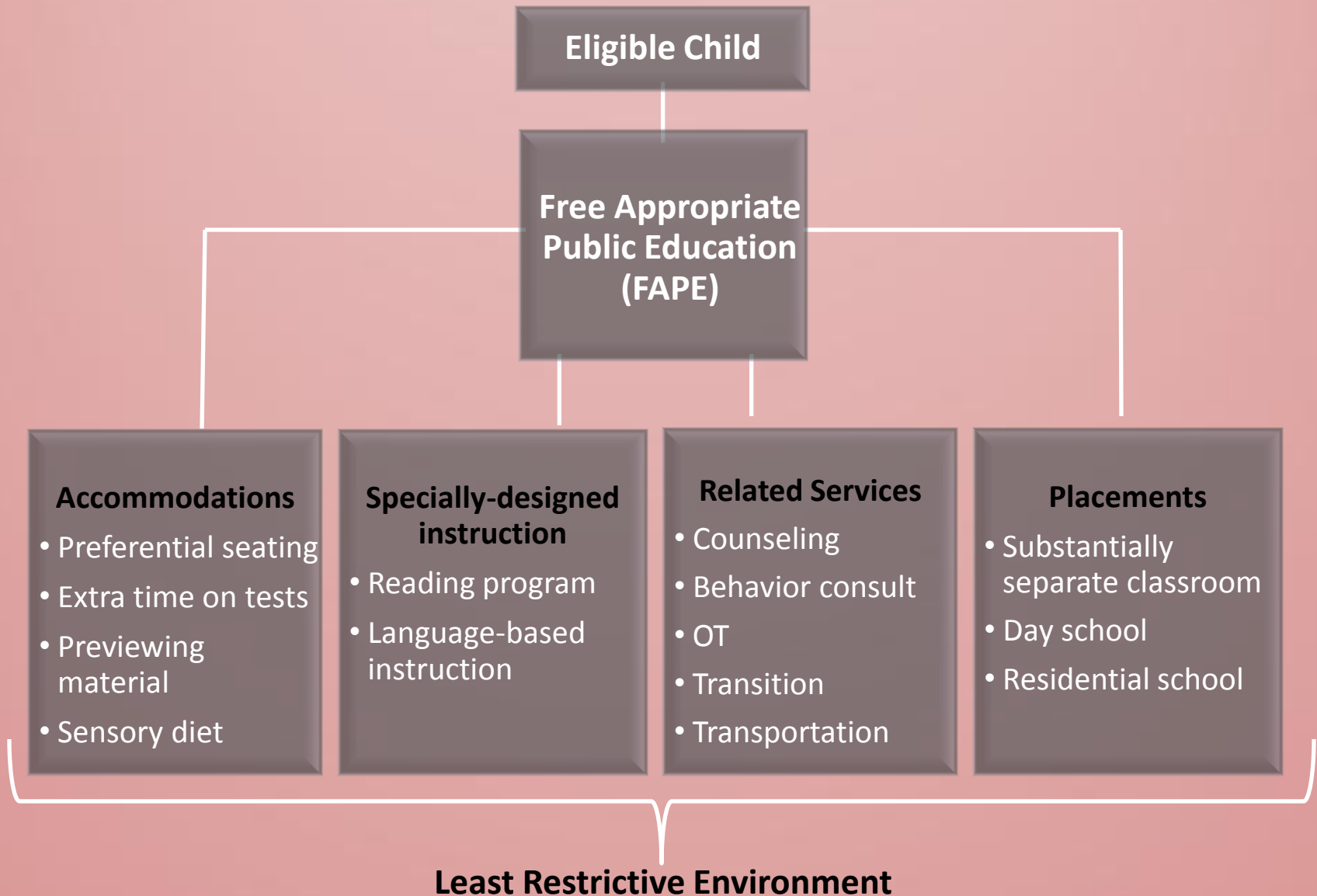
**3**

Disability  
causes  
lack of  
progress

**4**

Student  
needs special  
education or  
related  
services

# What does an eligible student receive?



# Special Education Timeline

