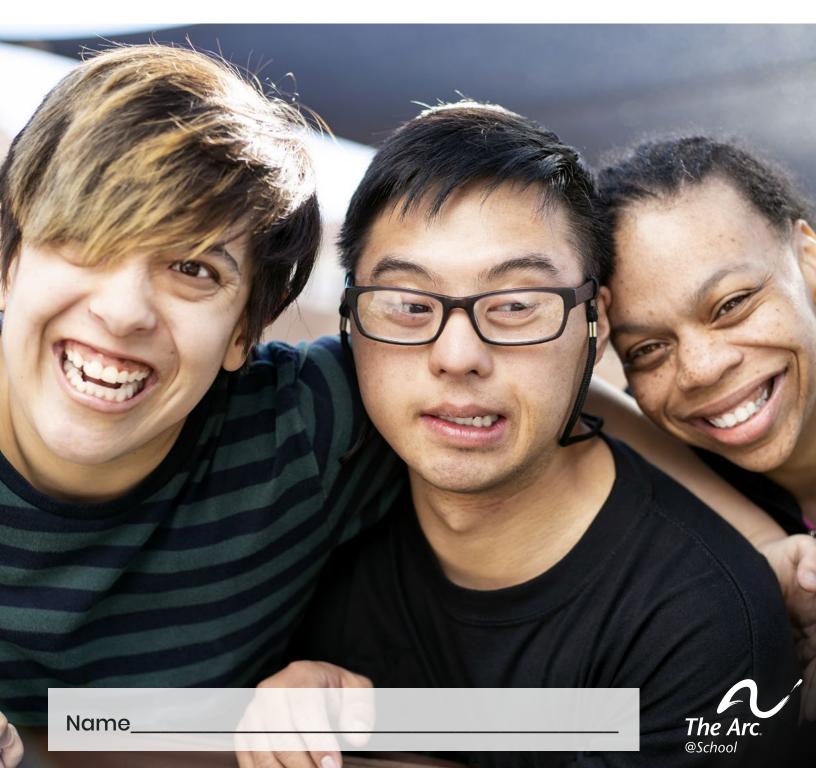
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SELF-DETERMINATION TOOLBOX

Student Toolkit







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What is Self-Determination?

Self-Determination is...



Knowing and believing in yourself



Knowing what you want your future to be and how to plan to get there



Knowing what help you need to take control of your life



How can being Self-Determined help you at school?

You can make your own decisions about your education by participating in your IEP meeting!

Why is it important for you to participate in your IEP meeting?

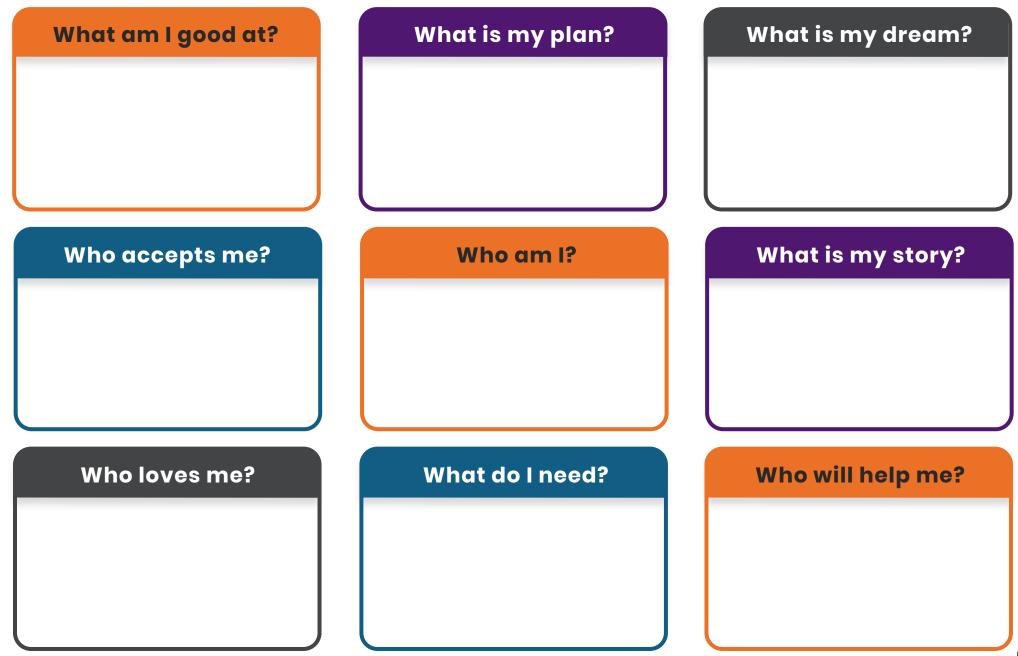
- 1. The meeting is about you.
- 2. You need to have a voice and help to make decisions that affect your education and your life.
- 3. The meeting gives you a chance to practice social, advocacy and communication skills that you will need in the future.
- 4. Being a part of developing your goals helps you to reach your goals.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF



Name

Date _____





When you need help...



- 1. Do you ask for help? How do you ask for help?
- 2. How do you know when you are upset? Do you tell someone when you are upset?
- 3. Do you tell your parents or teachers what you want and need?
- 4. Do you know about your disability?
- 5. Do you help make decisions about your IEP?
- 6. Do you make choices for yourself? How do you communicate your choices?

GOOD DAY PLAN

Name



Date_____

Good Day	Now	Action	Support
What happens on a Good Day?	Does it happen now?	What needs to happen to make it a Good Day?	Who can help me?

ONE PAGER

Name



Date _____

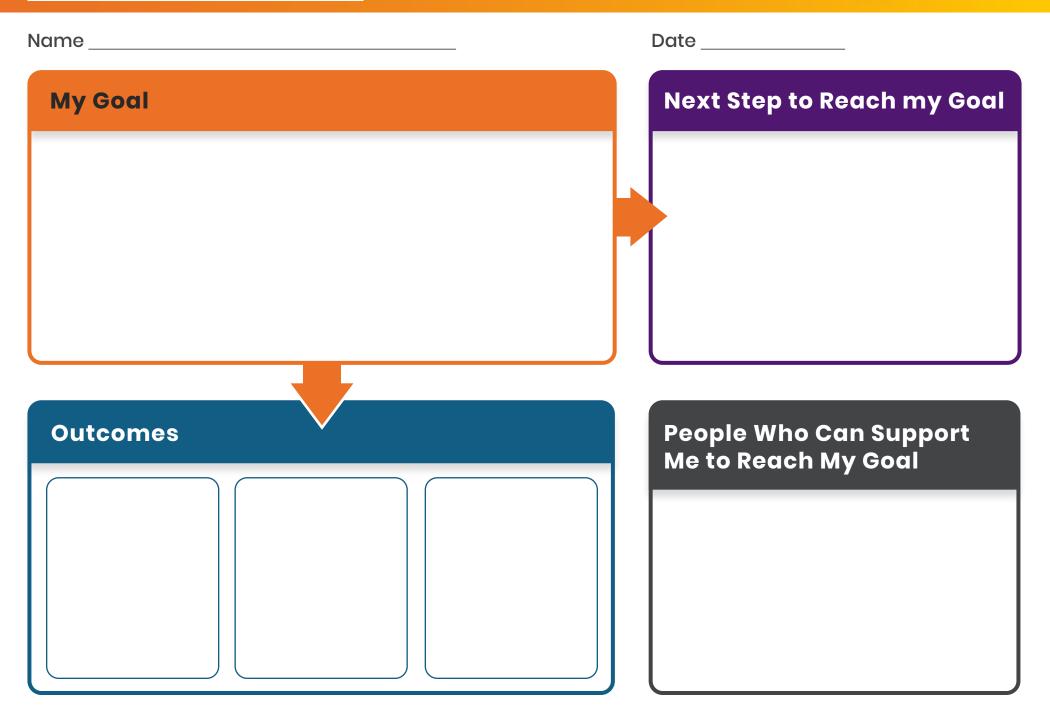
My Strengths	My Interests	

My Preferences

My Needs

GOAL PLAN







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