

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

The 5 Foundational Elements

- Student Strengths
- Parent Concerns
- Academic Levels
- Functional Levels
- How the Disability Affects Progress

The Foundational Elements make the the foundation from which the goal, services and instruction should be built from.

The Foundational Elements Should...

- **Paint a clear** picture of the student, their strengths, weaknesses and school functioning
- **Inform decisions** such as IEP goals, SDI, services and supports to include in the IEP.
- **Pass the Stranger Test.** It should be clear to anyone who doesn't know the student.

Formatting the IEP

- Create **clear labels** identifying information included
- Make information **easy to find** because people scan not read. Try stacking data vertically.
- Keep **consistency** in your IEP when formatting so people know where to find information in your IEPs
