ASPIRE
Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement
Family Presentation
Module One
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• Student involvement in education planning.

• Student engagement.

• Student directed.

• Self determination.
Self-Determination: In Plain English

- Knowing and believing in yourself.
- Knowing what you want in the future **AND** making plans to achieve those goals.
- Knowing and asking for the supports you need to achieve your goals.
- Knowing how to make choices and decisions to improve your quality of life.
The Advantages of Student-Led IEPs

• Sifts the focus from adult-centered to student centered.

• Gives the student more control over their education.

• Increases student and family involvement and representation in the IEP process.
Why Should Your Child Take Control?

• They will learn to set goals for the future.

• They will develop a greater interest in achieving their goals.

• They will acquire self-esteem, self-advocacy skills and social skills.

• They can see how many people are working to help them to be successful.
Self-Determined Develops By...

• ...making choices about everyday activities.

• ...understanding your strengths, challenges, likes and dislikes.

• ...understanding your accommodations.

• ...knowing your rights and responsibilities.

• ...setting goals for the future.
A Team Effort

Requires the engagement of:

• the student,

• the family, and

• the school.