ASPIRE
Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement Family Presentation Module Three
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PARTICIPATION IN ASPIRE
Just Imagine…

...your child

• creating an invitation and introducing themselves and others at the meeting.

• clicking a mouse to move from one slide to the next in a Power Point presentation.

• discussing strengths, challenges and goals for their life after high school.

• facilitating the IEP meeting and mentoring other students.
Student-Led IEP Meeting

What are students, parents and teachers saying about student-led IEPs?

http://www.imdetermined.org/films/>
(“Determined Student Involvement in IEP”)

Partnership for Success DVD
How Can You Help?

• Learn the ASPIRE concepts.
• NEXT
  • Talk to your child about:
    • IEP goals.
    • accommodations.
  • Encourage them to do the activities needed to participate in the meeting.
  • Prepare for the IEP using the Pre-Planning Meeting handout.
Positive Actions You can Take?

Focus on the positive:

• We all have unique strengths, talents, gifts, interests and learning differences.

• Recognize that your child is more like typical kids than different.

• Use people-first language and language the student will understand.
Supporting Self-Determination

• Discuss role models and coping and learning strategies.

• Set high, but reasonable expectations.

• Praise progress and effort.

• Encourage them to speak up for themselves.