



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.