DELAWARE'S LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT DATA
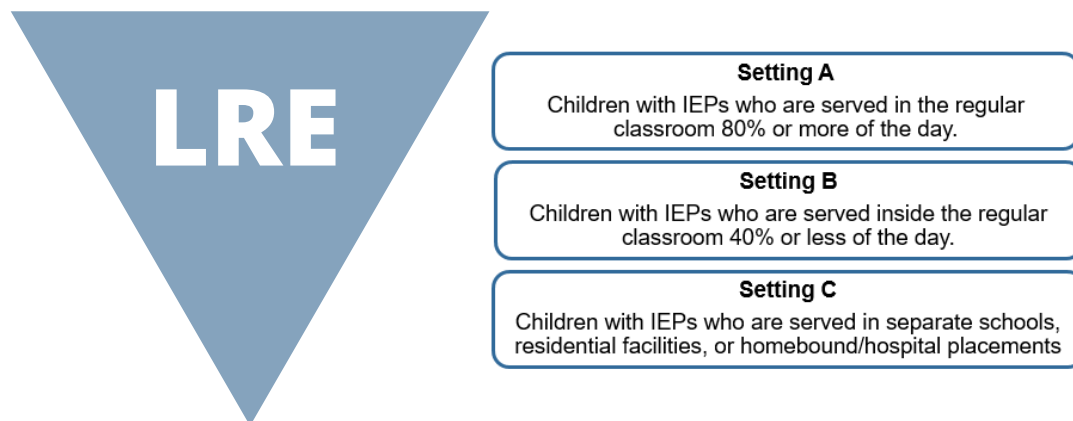
Least restrictive environment (LRE) isn't a place — it's a principle that guides a child's education program. All children should have the opportunity to be educated, to the greatest extent possible, with their community peers. The application of this principle may look different for each child because kids are unique.

U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has worked with State Education Agencies (including the Delaware Department of Education) to promote and support changes to education that will improve results for children with disabilities under IDEA. States are required to develop a State Performance Plan (SPP) describing how it will improve outcomes for students with disabilities over a 4-year period of time and to report annually on progress. Outcomes include areas such as graduation rate, dropout rate, participation and performance on assessments in reading and math, as well as compliance with all special education laws

Indicator 5 – Least Restrictive Environment

Percent of school aged children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) age 5 and enrolled in Kindergarten and ages 6-21 served in the environment listed below.

LRE

Setting A
Children with IEPs who are served in the regular classroom 80% or more of the day.

Setting B
Children with IEPs who are served inside the regular classroom 40% or less of the day.

Setting C
Children with IEPs who are served in separate schools, residential facilities, or homebound/hospital placements

Least Restrictive Environment Historical Data

	FFY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Setting A	# of Students	120,74	12,385	12,577	13,530	14.023	14,646	14,578
	Target ≥	68.00%	69.00%	70.00%	71.00%	72.00%	72.00%	
	Data	67.63%	66.18%	65.72%	65.74%	64.680%	64.25%	65.54%
Setting B	# of Students	2,694	2,800	2,863	3,075	3,152	3,374	3,408
	Target <	15.50%	15.30%	15.10%	14.90%	14.70%	14.70%	
	Data	15.10%	14.96%	14.96%	14.94%	14.61%	14.80%	15.09%
Setting C	# of Students	969	1055	1044	1075	1059	1100	1113
	Target <	5.00%	4.80%	4.50	4.00%	3.50%	3.50%	
	Data	5.43%	5.64%	5.45%	5.22%	4.91%	4.83%	4.93%

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