**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| **What is an IEP?**   * All special education students at Arlington High School have  an Individualized Educational Program (IEP). The IEP is a legal  document developed each spring (for the following school year),  with input from teachers, specialists (speech therapists,  psychologists, etc.), parents and the student. * The IEP contains information about the student's disability,  special education program, goals, objectives, and testing  accommodations. Testing accommodations are not intended to  substitute for knowledge and abilities a student has yet to  achieve. Rather, test accommodations are used to address  a disability, which will preclude a student from demonstrating  knowledge and abilities.     **How can I contact Ms. Collica?**   1. You can email me at [dcollica@acsdny.org](mailto:dcollica@acsdny.org). 2. You can call the school at 486-4860 extension 70094 and leave me a message  with a time to call you back and I will return your call promptly. 3. You can send a note in with your child.     **When is Ms. Collica available for extra help?**  I am available for extra help by appointment only. Students need  to inform Ms. Collica that they will be staying after a day or two ahead of time.  **How can I help my child succeed in school?**   1. Provide your child with a planner, either in paper or electronic form. 2. Ask to see your child's planner and encourage them to use it  daily. 3. Be interested. Ask to see their work daily. 4. Ensure that they are getting a full night’s sleep and eating  properly. 5. Prompt, daily attendance is important for a successful school  year. 6. Keep open communication with your child's teachers and  counselors. 7. Be involved in what interests your child. 8. Encourage your child to stay after school for extra help. |