


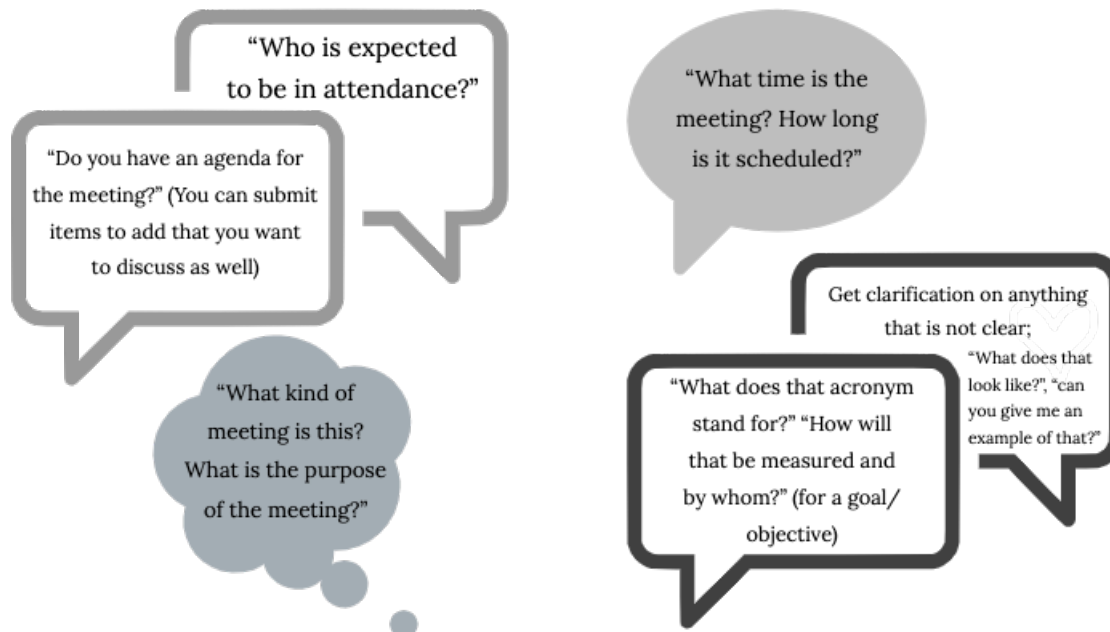
## Tips Before You Meet with the School

Here are a few helpful tips before you meet with a school. If you have further questions, please reach out to Stone Soup Group to ask for more information or clarification. You are your child's best advocate, and you know them best!

### Helpful tips:

- MAKE SURE YOU MAKE ANY REQUEST IN WRITING AND SAVE A COPY (EMAIL IS FINE)
  - REVIEW MOST CURRENT INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP) AND EVALUATION SUMMARY + ELIGIBILITY REPORT (ESER) IF AVAILABLE, AND OUTSIDE EVALUATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS
  - WRITE DOWN THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. WHAT WORKS WELL AT HOME AND WHAT DOESN'T, AND GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE THE TEAM TO CONSIDER
  - ASK FOR DRAFT DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE MEETING FOR REVIEW
  - BRING YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS, INTERESTS, AND AREAS OF CONCERN
  - BRING SOMEONE, SUCH AS A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER, ADVOCATE, ETC., TO TAKE NOTES AND AS ANOTHER SET OF EARS. NOTIFY THE SCHOOL WHO YOU ARE PLANNING ON BRINGING TO THE MEETING
  - REMEMBER: YOU ARE THE EXPERT ON YOUR CHILD, AND YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE TEAM
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### Questions to ask:



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## Resources:

- My Child 101 template:  
<https://www.stonesoupgroup.org/wpcontent/uploads/MyChild101.pdf>
- Requesting an evaluation: <https://www.stonesoupgroup.org/wp-content/uploads/REQUESTFOR-AN-EVALUATION.pdf>
- Request an IEP team meeting:  
<https://www.stonesoupgroup.org/wpcontent/uploads/REQUEST-FOR-AN-IEP-MEETING.pdf>
- Special Education Parent Handbook: <https://www.stonesoupgroup.org/resources/publications/>
- Special Education Advocacy: [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)