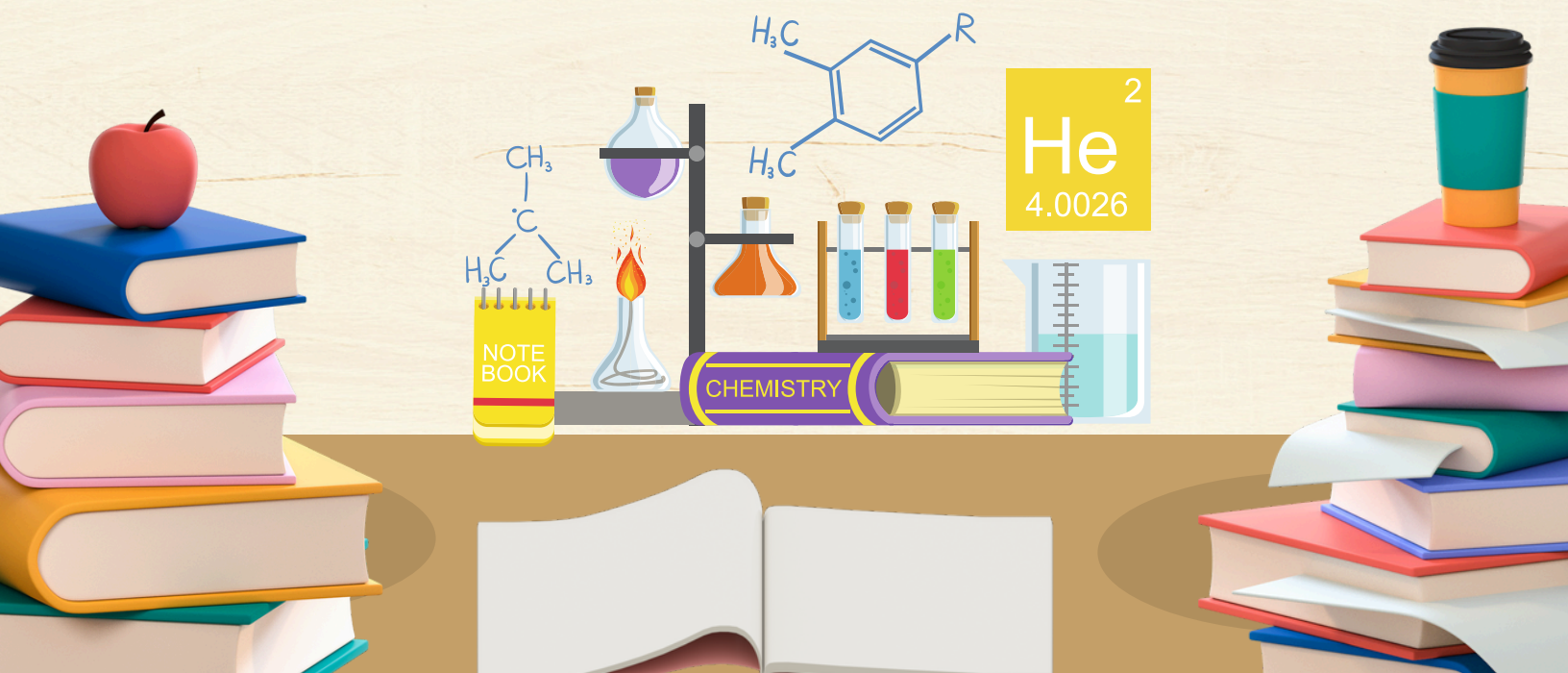




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GENERAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Early Start Overview for Parents

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Early-Start-Overview-for-Parents.pdf>

IEP Strategy – Understanding The Process So You Can Get What You Need

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/IEP-STRATEGY---UNDERSTANDING.pdf>

Inclusive Education – Advocating for the Least Restrictive Environment

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/07/Inclusive-Education-Advocating-for-the-Least-Restrictive-Environment-Booklet.pdf>

Making Inclusion a Reality

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Making-Inclusion-a-Reality-SCDD.pdf>

New Pathway to a High School Diploma

<https://undivided.io/resources/californias-new-pathway-to-a-high-school-diploma-for-students-with-intellectual-disabilities-1243>

Self-Advocacy

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/the-importance-of-self-advocacy>

SMART IEP Goals

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/how-to-tell-if-your-childs-iep-goals-are-smart>

Special Education Advocacy Tips

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/17-special-education-advocacy-tips>

Special Education Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

<https://dredf.org/special-education/>

Special Education Rights & Responsibilities Manual (SERR)

<https://serr.disabilityrightsca.org/>

Statewide Back-to-School Advocacy Clinic Sessions on Special Education – August & September 2025

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/07/SCDD-Statewide-Weekly-Advocacy-Clinic.pdf>

Transitioning to Adulthood

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/07/Transition-new-format-English-v2.pdf>



HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

Active Shooter Guide for People with Disabilities_Plain Language

https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/AS-Guide_ENG_2022-07_WEB.pdf

Avoiding the Discriminatory Use of Discipline for Students with Disabilities

<https://mailchi.mp/dredf/avoiding-the-discriminatory-use-of-discipline-for-students-with-disabilities-2638884?e=1a014ee70e>

Behavior and Discipline Toolkit_Disability Rights California

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/resources/special-education/behavior-and-discipline-toolkit>

Bilingual Bullying Resources

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Bilingual-Bullying-Resources-1.pdf>

Developmental Milestones Ages 0-5

https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/ENG_Developmental-Milestones-Ages-0-5.pdf

Enough is Enough

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Enough-is-Enough-Anti-Bullying-Strategies-2.pdf>

Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Traumatic Events

https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/ENG_helping-children-adolescents-cope-with-disasters-other-traumatic-events.pdf

Laws Around Bullying: <https://www.understood.org/en/articles/bullying-laws>

School Rights After a Disaster

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/school-rights-after-a-disaster>

Unfair Discipline Practices - Reporting Hot Line

https://edsources.org/updates/thurmond-sets-up-hotline-to-report-schools-with-unfair-discipline-practices?mc_cid=e4d3908a1d&mc_eid=1a014ee70e

Youth Mental Health Resources_CalHHS

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/youthresources/>



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