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The Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children, is pleased to announce a new online resource, *Going Places with a Standards-Based IEP* or GPS-IEP. Ohio requires that all IEPs be standards-based, the GPS-IEP is designed to provide assistance to school personnel as they develop standards-based IEPs to prepare Ohio's children for their future beyond school. IDEA requires that all children with disabilities have access to and make progress in the general education curriculum.

Go to [www.edresourcesohio.org](http://www.edresourcesohio.org) for the announcement explaining the tool, the link to the GPS-IEP, the script for the resource and a copy of the IEP for T.J., the child discussed in GPS-IEP scenario.

Additional GPS-IEP scenarios and scripts for children from preschool age to secondary age who have varying disabilities will be released in the future and a message will be sent out announcing them on the Office for Exceptional Children list-serv. The next scenario to be released is for K.D., a girl in the fifth grade who has a cognitive disability.

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