Teaching is Intellectual	IEP	504
Overseeing Agency	Department of Education	Office of Civil Rights
Governing Law	Individuals with Disabilities Act	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
Ages Eligible	3 through 21	Lifetime
Eligibility Criteria	Student must qualify in one of the 13 categories of disability, AND disability affects the child's ability to access curriculum.	Student must have a disability AND the disability affects the student's participation in daily life activities
Written Plan	Does require a written plan with required components followed specific timelines	Does not **require** a written plan
Evaluation	Initial evaluation required using standard assessment tools. Student must be re-evaluated and requalified every three years	Does not specify evaluation procedures; simply states "periodic" evaluation
Parent Involvement	Parents are required to be part of the IEP team from evaluation, through each part of the process	School must get permission to do evaluation. School can create a plan without parent participation.

Teaching is Intellectual (Pursuit of Equity)	IEP	504
Curriculum	Must include specially designed instruction to meet student's unique educational needs	Curriculum is not customized for the student. The student completes the same curriculum as students without disabilities.
Annual Review	The law requires that a plan must be reviewed at least once a year, the child's grown ups can request a review at any time	The law does not require the school to review annually
Goals	Goals must be written, measurable, and reviewed annually	No goals or progress monitoring
Accommodations	Accommodations can be made to academics, curriculum, assessments, environment, and more to support student success	Accommodations can be made to students' schedule and environment to support their success
Modifications	Students can have modified assignments and/or curriculum	Students can have modified assignments but not curriculum
Funding	Schools are provided federal and state funding	No additional funding is provided to support students