Educational Implications of PWS

Securing Appropriate Supports on Your Child's IEP

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Common Learning Skill Deficits		
Executive Functioning	Rigidity/Perseveration	Short-term Memory
Problem Solving	Abstract Math Concepts Higher Comprehension	
Auditory Processing	Applying Rules/Methods	Sequential Planning

Educational & Safety Accommodations			
Learning	Food Security & Safety		
Extended Time for Tasks Frequent Breaks/Rest for Fatigue Prompts and Reminders of Transitions Wait Time for Processing Prior Notification of Changes in Schedule Offer Choices When Possible Positive Reinforcement/Encouragement Alternatives to Written Responses Individual/Small Group Setting for Testing	No Visible Food in Classroom Lock Any Food in Cabinets Lunchboxes Stored Outside of Classroom Access to Food from Home ONLY Never Use Food as an Incentive/Reward Prior Notice of Food Activities PE Adaptations or Adaptive PE Notify Parents of Any Unintended Food Access to Alternative Lunch Location		

Supplementary Aids & Services		
Aids & Additional Plans*	Services	
Visual Schedule & Timer Trash Can with Latching Lid *Positive Behavior Intervention Plan *Individual Health Care Plan *Emergency Evacuation Plan	Daily Communication Home Close Adult Support: All Food Activities Close Adult Support: Physical Transitions Individual Assistance for Self-care Needs Nursing/Health Monitoring Services	

These are general PWS recommendations; not all will be appropriate for your child. IEPs should always be individualized based on a child's unique educational needs.



