

PART B: HOW ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Special Education Process

- Screening
- Referral Process-Parent Consent (60 school days)
- Case Study-Components of Evaluation
 - Understanding of child's disability
- Evaluation meeting
- Independent Evaluation
 - Public Expense
 - Private Expense



How are you eligible for IDEA?

1. Have 1 of the 13 disabilities outlined by IDEA
2. This disability adversely affects the child's educational performance
 - Academic
 - Social
 - Emotional
 - Functional
3. Child must require special education services

Disability Categories Under IDEA

- Speech or Language Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Developmental Delay (3-9)*
- Autism
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Deaf-Blindness
- Hearing impairment including deafness
- Multiple Disabilities
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Visual impairment including blindness
- Orthopedic impairment
- Other health impairment

Re-evaluation

- Should happen every three years unless agreed upon by school and parent
- Can be requested anytime
- Should not be done more than once a year unless the school and the parent agree otherwise
- Parental consent is required.

Independent Evaluations At PUBLIC expense

- In response to an evaluation done by the school, parent requests that the school pay for an evaluation completed by an independent entity
- Parents do not have to give a reason for the request
- School has five days to respond
- If the school agrees to the evaluation, then the parent chooses the independent evaluator
 - Do not need to choose off of the school's list
 - Do need to choose someone who is equally as qualified as the school
- If the school refuses to the evaluation, the school **HAS** to file due process against the parent

Independent Evaluations at PRIVATE Expense

- Parent pays for independent evaluation at their expense
- School **MUST CONSIDER** the evaluation
- School does not need to accept the evaluation

