

Special Education Referral Process

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Referral for Evaluation

A referral for an educational evaluation is made to the Special Education Department based on the recommendation from your child's student Assistance Team (SAT).

Permission for Evaluation

A staff member familiar with the evaluation process will contact parents/guardians to obtain permission for the evaluation and to explain "Parent's Rights in Special Education".

Evaluation

Special Education Staff who have been trained to administer these evaluations will conduct an educational evaluation. Based on your child's needs, the special education staff will determine who will conduct evaluations for your child. This could include a school psychologist, who evaluates learning styles, a speech pathologist who evaluates speech and language skills, an occupational therapist who evaluates fine motor, eye/hand coordination and sensory issues, or a physical therapist who evaluates large muscle coordination.

Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT)

A Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) will be held following the evaluation. Results of the evaluation will be discussed and through these results the team will be able to determine if your child qualifies for special education services. People who attend the MDT meeting include parents/guardians, the student when appropriate, Alliance Public School staff who work with your child and others that parents wish to invite.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

If it is determined through the MDT meeting that your child qualifies to receive special education services, an IEP is written by the special education staff who will be working with your child. This plan will contain educational goals to help meet your child's individual needs. It also contains information on how much time your child will receive from special education and when those services will be delivered. People who attend the IEP meeting include parents/guardians, the student when appropriate, Alliance Public School staff who work with the student and others that parents wish to invite.