

Getting Evaluations

Option #1: Getting tested through your local school district

All students are eligible to be evaluated by the school district that they go to school in, even if your son or daughter attends a private/parochial school

Benefits:

- It is free. Because you are tax payer, your son or daughter can be tested for free in the school district that they go to

Drawbacks:

- By law, the district has 60 days, once your request is made to complete the assessment. they often use all 60 days.
- Evaluators are usually spread thin and aren't always excited about assessing students who have chosen to attend a private school, so some evaluations have not been as thorough as they can be, although most are adequately thorough.

To request an assessment through SFUSD use the contact information below.

For psycho-educational assessments (for students who you believe may have a specific learning difference.)
contact Screening and Assessment Center: [415-759-2222](tel:415-759-2222).

For all other evaluations, (e.g. speech, occupational therapy, etc.)
contact SFUSD Special Education Services at: **(415) 379-7656**

Option #2: Getting tested privately

Benefits:

- They can be done in much less time than it takes the district.
- They usually are very thorough, and come with extensive ideas for support moving forward

Drawbacks:

- They can be very expensive, sometimes costing in the thousands of dollars.
- These assessments are rarely covered by insurance.

There are many choices for private evaluators, but three that we recommend are Deana Gumina and James Adams.

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