

Child Find Referral for Pre-K Disabilities/ESE

STEP 1- REFERRAL

Child Find referred your child to the local school district for further evaluations (and, if appropriate, review of private therapy evaluations, medical records, etc.) based on the screening results and/or your concerns about your child's communication skills, thinking skills, motor skills, health, and/or social skills.



STEP 2- EVALUATION

Your written consent is required prior to evaluation. A school psychologist, social worker, speech language pathologist, and/or other educational personnel may evaluate your child. You are also an important member of your child's evaluation team.

Contact: ___ Bay District Pre-K Evaluation Team, phone 850.767.5301
___ Jackson County Schools, phone 850.482.1265 ext. 225
___ Walton County Schools, phone 850.892.1100 ext. 1146
___ County: _____ Phone: _____



STEP 3- DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY STAFFING

Several weeks after the evaluation, you will receive a written notice or a telephone call from the **home zone school** inviting you to participate in an "eligibility staffing". At this meeting, your child's educational needs are discussed, based on the results of the evaluations and all other additional relevant information. Your participation in the **eligibility staffing is very important.**

**Eligibility for exceptional student education services is based upon all the available information in relation to state and local criteria and guidelines.*

IF ELIGIBLE for exceptional student education services, then:

- **DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL PLAN (IEP)**

This plan is very important and it is the tool that determines:

WHAT services your child needs,
HOW MUCH service your child needs, and
WHERE the service (s) can best be provided.

- **CONSENT AND ENROLLMENT**

After the IEP has been written and service recommendations have been made, your consent will be required in order for services to be provided. If appropriate, placement is offered and services provided at the school closest to your home. Other program locations may be considered.

Required documents for enrollment in public school: birth certificate, school physical & immunization record forms, your child's social security number, and proof of residence (light bill, rent receipt, etc.).

*****ASK THE SCHOOL ABOUT UNIFORMS, SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST, ETC.**

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