

SPED Eligibility and Reevaluation Guidelines

GPSD guidelines

Eligibility:

For initial eligibility conversation in reading, if the team has concerns in other areas such as math or written language the student should be comprehensively evaluated in these areas. Goals/services may be added **IF** the student has been receiving interventions and the need for specially designed instruction can be supported with assessment/intervention data.

For a student with an existing IEP, it is not necessary to qualify as SLD for math or writing in order to add a goal in one or both of these areas. The need for specially designed instruction must be supported with data and interventions that have been in place for a period of no less than 12 weeks. Upon the 3-year re-evaluation, the evaluation should include all components to determine eligibility in these areas.

Reevaluation

There are times when a student who was once considered for SPED eligibility may be considered again. GPSD7 adheres to the following guidelines when considering retesting for eligibility.

For students who had been evaluated in GPSD7:

We will wait one full year before retesting a student for eligibility

For students who were tested outside of our district and/or out of state:

When a new student enrolls who was previously found NOT eligible for SPED services in another district and/or state, teams must allow for enough time to work our district process completely before reconsidering a student in our district.

A student was recently found NOT eligible using their district process in another school district. The student is now enrolled in D7 and is functioning considerably below grade level. D7's RTI system approach is designed to fit this student into an appropriate intervention as soon as practicably possible. Data collection and team meeting processes must occur following our district guidelines. Enough time must be allowed for to work through our district defined process before considering a student for eligibility. This should mean a period of at least 12 – 18 weeks of system processing. The process could take longer as well as the team needs to have enough data and enough time for instruction and intervention to effectively determine whether or not a referral for SPED eligibility is appropriate.