

How to Get a Psych-Ed Evaluations

Option 1: Getting tested through your local public school district

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

Benefits:

- It is free. Because you are a taxpayer, your son or daughter can be tested for free in that school district.

Drawbacks:

- By law, the district has 60 days, once your request is made to complete the assessment. They often use all 60 days. *2020 NOTE: are currently VERY behind.
- Due to the time constraint, evaluators are usually spread thin with large caseloads, resulting in basic testing and not as thorough an evaluation as one done privately.

To request an assessment through SFUSD, use the contact information below:

For psycho-educational assessments (for students who you may believe have a specific learning difference), contact Screening and Assessment Center at privateschoolreferrals@sfusd.edu or 415.759.2222.

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

Options 2: Getting tested privately

Benefits:

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

Drawbacks:

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

There are many choices for private evaluators, but below are a few we recommend:

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