

Eligibilities

Initials/Re Evaluations



Eligibility Categories Recognized by State of Georgia

*Autism (ASD)

*DeafBlind (DB)

*Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH)

*Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD)

*Intellectual Disability (ID)

*Orthopedic Impairment (OI).

*Other Health Impairment (OHI)

*Significantly Developmentally Delayed (SDD)

*Specific Learning Disability (SLD)

*Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

*Vision Impairment/Blindness (VI)

* Speech Language Impairment (SLI)

Initial Referral Process

- *Typically go through MTSS process
- *Meeting will be held to get consent
- *Once consent is given, vision/hearing screening is completed
- *60 days to complete the process, meet for evaluation results, and develop IEP, if appropriate

What is MTSS?

- *Multi Tiered System of Supports (formally known as RTI)
- *Four tier levels
- *Data collected during this process (progress monitoring) will help in the decision making process of evaluations and possible placement

Re Evaluation Process

*Completed every 3 years

*Determination will be completed for continued services or recommendations for complete evaluation/psychological

*Once consent is signed, we have 60 days to complete the process, including IEP.

****IEP MEETINGS ARE HELD ANNUALLY****

Areas of Testing

- *Cognitive testing
- *Achievement testing
- *Social/Emotional
- *Adaptive, if needed
- *Speech, if needed
- *OT/PT, if needed

Types of Services

*Consultative

*Inclusion

*Small Group

*Adaptive

*Alternative Setting

Prior Written Notice

*PWN will be sent home for IEP meetings, Eligibility meetings, Data Review meetings, or Amendments

*Parents will be given **5** days to look over the PWN and determine if any changes are needed or requested

*If there are no changes, you do not have to contact the school

*If you would like something to be changed, please contact your child's Case Manager, Ms. Hendrix, or myself

Suggestions to help the Process

*If child has medical records that would be beneficial in the decision making process, please bring that documentation with you or have the doctor send to us

*If a private psychologist has evaluated your child, please provide us with a copy of that evaluation.

Parent Rights

*As a parent of a child who receives ESS services, you have certain rights

*A copy of these rights should be given to you every year

Know your rights as a Parent of an ESS child

Acronyms Often Used in ESS

- *IEP–Individualized Educational Plan
- *MTSS–Multi Tiered System of Supports
- *RTI-Response to Intervention
- *504--Section 504
- *SST-Student Support Team
- *ESS–Exceptional Student Services

GA DOE Links

<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Info-Fact-Sheets.aspx>

<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Rights.aspx>

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Communication

- *Update Student Information: cfoskey@treutlen.k12.ga.us
- *Medical Information: Case Manager
- *Progress in Meeting Goals: Case Manager; Every 9 Weeks
- *Infinite Campus: cfoskey@treutlen.k12.ga.us

Resources

[GADOE Parent Fact Sheets](#)

[GADOE Parent Rights](#)

[Parent to Parent of Georgia](#)

[Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership](#)

[ASPIRE for Parents](#)

[Emory Autism Network Parent Training \(December 6, 2022\)](#)

Breakout with Schools

Treutlen Elementary School Room 603

Treutlen Middle School Room 605

Treutlen Middle High School Room 602