

What is Special Education?

A way of designing and delivering education to students with a disability. This education is specially designed by a Certified Special Education teacher and supported by a team of specialists

What is an Evaluation?

Carried out by a school psychologist, it uses testing methods to evaluate different areas of function, performance, and behavior.

Is My Child Eligible?

Your child is eligible if the evaluation reveals all of the following:

1. They have a disability
2. The disability negatively impacts their educational performance
3. Their individual needs require instruction specially designed by a special education teacher.

Individualized Education Program (IEP) What is it?

This is the plan of action for the next year. It contains information about your student's present levels of performance. The goals for the next year and the details of how those goals will be attained (the specially designed instruction).

What is an IEP Meeting?

Held after the initial evaluation, then once yearly.

When the details of the IEP are discussed and agreed upon. There has to be certain representatives at the meeting, including:

- Special education teacher
- General education teacher
- A representative from the school district (usually the Principal)
- An expert who can interpret evaluation results (usually the schools psychologist)
- YOU! (and anyone you choose to bring with you)
- Other relevant school service providers

So, What happens next?

Your child's **IEP will be reviewed yearly** and you will be invited to an **IEP meeting**. Every **three years there will be a re-evaluation**.

What Does A School Day Look Like?

A student receiving special education services will receive specially designed instruction in an environment that enables them to achieve their individual goals and objectives. This means they will have multiple opportunities to learn alongside typically developing peers in a general education classroom. In some areas they will learn general education content and in others, special education content. It all depends on their individual needs.

Highline Public School's PROMISE is to ensure EVERY student is known by name, strength and need.



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