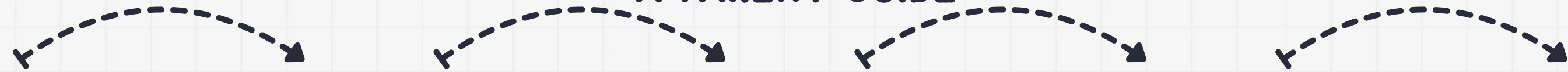


UNDERSTANDING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION PROCESS

A PARENT GUIDE



Referral

A request to consider whether an evaluation is needed.

1

- Starts the conversation
- Does NOT start the evaluation timeline
- No testing happens yet



Parent Consent

The evaluation timeline begins after written consent is received

2

- Parents may ask questions before signing
- Consent allows testing
- Consent does NOT mean automatic services



Evaluation Period

Evaluation (45 School Days After Consent)

3

- The team may:
- Conduct assessments
 - Observe in class
 - Review grades, attendance, and interventions
 - Gather teacher & parent input



ARD Meeting

Meeting (30 Days After FIEE Complete)

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4

- Results explained in plain language
- Team discusses how skills affect learning
- Parents may ask questions

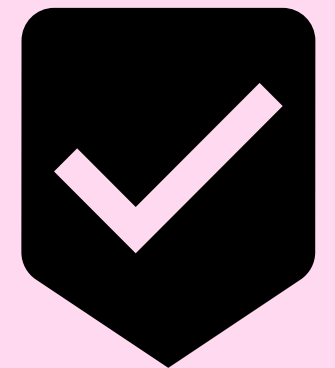


Eligibility

ARD Committee Decision

- Based on legal criteria
- No single test decides eligibility
- Challenges do not automatically mean eligibility

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AN EVALUATION GATHERS INFORMATION. IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE SERVICES.