

What do I do if I think my child has a disability?



There are many kinds of disability. Disabilities may impact how your child learns, communicates, or takes care of themselves.

Disabilities may be physical. These include issues hearing, seeing, or moving. Disabilities may be emotional or mental. These include difficulties learning or managing their feelings.

How do I have my child evaluated for a disability?

You must have your child evaluated to identify a disability. Public schools may evaluate your child if you request it. You can send a written request for the evaluation to your school district.

The evaluation is free. It will be given in a language your child understands.

Schools are responsible for supporting students who are identified with disabilities. Schools offer resources called special education.



After the evaluation, your school must meet with you in 60 days or less to decide with you if your child can receive special education. See our handout on *Special Education* for more information.

Was your child denied special education? See our handout on *Denials* for what you can do next.