

Special Education

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What do I do if I am concerned about my child's progress in school?

1. Contact your child's teacher (s) to set up a meeting to discuss concerns and develop a plan of action
2. Request the your child be sent to the I&RS committee- speak to the teacher to make the request
3. Referral to the Child Study Team- requests must be made directly to the Asst. Superintendent of Special Services
 - a. Email: referrals@somsd.k12.nj.us

What happens once my child is referred for Special Education Services?

1. The Child Study Team will contact you within 20 days to hold a meeting
2. They will review your concerns, the schools concerns and what interventions have been tried to determine if evaluations are warranted
3. An evaluation plan will be developed outlining what evaluations will be conducted:
 - a. Psychological
 - b. Educational
 - c. Social History
 - d. Speech and Language
 - e. Psychiatric
 - f. Occupational Therapy
 - g. Physical Therapy

What is the timeline for Evaluations?

The team has 90 days from the time you consent to complete testing, hold an eligibility meeting, develop an IEP and begin services if the student is eligible

What services are offered at each school?

1. General Education with Accommodations (all schools)
2. General Education with Para Support (all schools)
3. General Education with Special Education Teacher Support (Elementary-High School)
4. Pull Out Replacement (Elementary-High School)
5. Pull Out Support (Reading- Elementary; Study Skills- High School)
6. Self Contained (programs are in different buildings across the district)

- Preschool Disabled- MECC
- Preschool Inclusion- MECC and Partner Sites
- K-2 LLD - Marshall
- K-5 BD- Seth Boyden
- 3-5 LLD- Jefferson
- K-2 Autism- Clinton
- 3-5 Autism- Clinton

- 7.6-8 LLD - MMS
- 8. 6-8 MD- SOMS
- 9, 6-8 Autism- SOMS
- 10 9-12 MD- CHS
- 11 9-12 Autism- CHS
- 12 18-21 - CHS

What can I do to prepare for the IEP meeting?

1. Read all reports carefully
2. Review previous IEP
3. List current concerns
4. Write questions down

What can I expect to be discussed at an IEP meeting?

- 1, Progress over the last year
2. Services needed (academic and related services)
3. Modifications and Accommodations
- 4 Testing modifications
- 5 ESY services required

504 vs IEP

504 falls under ADA (Asst. Principal/ Guidance)

IEP falls under IDEA (Child Study Team Case Manager)

Both allow accommodations- Educational Impact

IEP allows modifications to curriculum and Special Education Teacher Support-
Significant Educational Impact

Child has a Diagnosis- now what?

If a child receives a diagnosis that may impact his / her educational performance, you can request:

1. I&RS meeting to develop an action plan
2. Consideration for a 504
3. Consideration for an IEP

Classification Categories

Autism

Eligible for Speech/ Language Services

Emotionally Regulation Impairment

Specific Learning Disability

Communication Impairment

Visual Impairment

Auditory Impairment

Intellectual Disability

Multiple Disabilities

Other Health Impairment

Orthopedic Impairment

Preschool Child with a Disability

Traumatic Brain Injury

Socially Maladjusted

<https://www.state.nj.us/education/code/current/title6a/chap14.pdf>

Re-Evaluations

- Once every three years or more often as needed
- Testing may or may not be warranted
- Progress Monitoring
- Some or all evaluations can be re administered
- Colleges want updated testing and College board often requires updated results
- Must be re-evaluated after Preschool

My child has an IEP and I think they need additional services/ modifications, what do I do?

At any time you can request an IEP meeting to discuss your concerns and share your ideas about what you think is needed.

Requesting Support

Instructional Accommodation Request

- -Please reach out directly to the teacher, and copy the case manager

IEP Revision Request

- -Please reach out directly to the case manager

Progress Monitoring and Reporting

- -Please reach out directly to the teacher, and copy the case manager

Related Service Question

- -Please reach out directly to the assigned therapist and copy the case manager

Unresolved Challenges on Above Concerns

- -Please reach out to the assigned supervisor (see below), if not resolved, please reach out to Asst. Superintendent, Special Services

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