

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

During a superintendent’s hearing, the hearing officer will ask whether the student is “suspected of having a disability.” If the parent or school team answer, “yes,” an administrator from the pupil personnel services department will be called upon to help make this determination, using one or more of the following criteria:

1. The parent of the student has expressed concern to the school district personnel **in writing** that the student is in need of special education;
2. The behavior or performance of the student demonstrates the need for special education, as defined by federal and state law and regulations;
3. The parent of the student has requested an individual evaluation of the student for special education services;
4. A teacher of the student, or other staff, has expressed concern about the behavior or performance of the student to the director of special education or to other school district personnel.

If it is determined that the student may be “suspected of having a disability,” the student will be afforded the same protections as students with disabilities and shall be evaluated. Eligibility will be determined by the committee on special education in an expedited manner.

