



Halifax County Schools

Guidance: Eligibility Meeting Process

Meeting Overview:

- The evaluators will share the results of all of the evaluations. You will have time to ask questions.
- The special education teacher will share your child’s scores on the evaluations.
- The IEP team will discuss one or more areas of eligibility.
- The IEP team will discuss how your child’s needs are affecting his/her education.
- The IEP team will discuss evidence that your child needs specially designed instruction.
- The team will consider ALL potential areas of eligibility. Then, the IEP team must decide whether your child is eligible for special education in North Carolina.
- If the IEP team determines your child IS eligible, they will determine a primary area of disability. The team may consider a secondary area of disability based on the eligibility areas you discussed earlier in the meeting.

Information parents are asked to share at an eligibility meeting...

- Adverse impact on educational performance: How are the physical, academic and/or behavioral challenges that your child is facing impacting his/her education?
- Need for specially designed instruction: Teachers will be especially helpful here, sharing information about the impact of interventions and strategies that have been implemented to assist your child.

1. Eligibility...

As a member of the IEP team you will be answering these 3 questions:

- Does your child meet criteria for one or more of the fourteen disabling conditions?
- Does the disability have an adverse effect on educational performance?
- Does the disability require specially designed instruction?

2. The IEP team also has to verify the following 3 things:

- The determination **is not** the result of lack of appropriate instruction in reading
- The determination **is not** the result of lack of appropriate instruction in math
- The determination **is not** the result of Limited English proficiency

14 areas of eligibility...	
1. Autism Spectrum Disorder (AU)	8. Multiple Disabilities (MU)
2. Deaf-Blindness (DB)	9. Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
3. Deafness (Df)	10. Other Health Impaired (OHI)
4. Developmentally Delayed (DD)	11. Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
5. Emotional Disability (ED)	12. Speech or Language Impairment (SI)
6. Hearing Impairment (HI)	13. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
7. Intellectual Disability (ID)	14. Visual Impairment (VI)