

Assessment and Evaluation

FAQs About Evaluations for Learning and Attention Issues

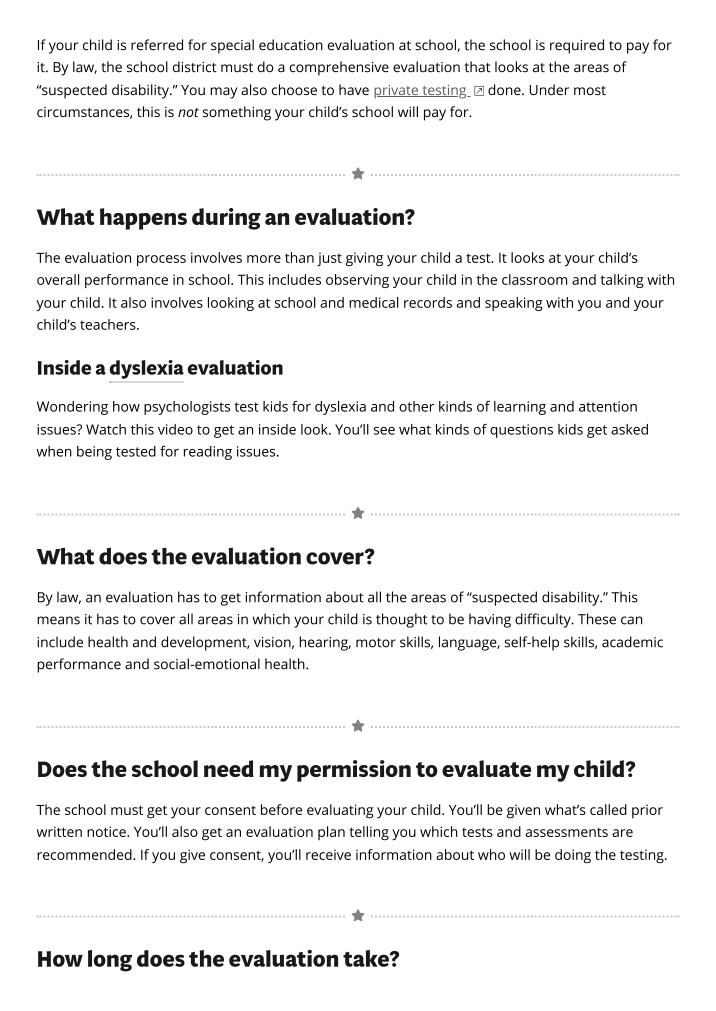
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Who pays for the evaluation?

Learn the benefits of getting your child evaluated, who does the evaluation, what happens during an evaluation, what to do with the results, and more. You can also view a video to get an inside look at a dyslexia evaluation.

Deciding to have your child evaluated for learning and attention issues is a big step. You may have questions about the process. Here are some frequently asked questions about evaluations.

What are the benefits of getting my child evaluated?
The evaluation process can provide more information about the specific issues that are causing your child's difficulty with learning. It's also a way to see if your child is eligible for special education services. Having special education services can give your child extra support in the classroom to make learning a little easier.
Who does the evaluation?
A <u>team of professionals</u> performs the evaluation. Each member of the team has special knowledge and training in the area that's being assessed. For example, a speech-language therapist has specialized training in language issues. A psychologist is trained in administering educational testing. The team works together to look at all of your child's skills.



IDEA says your child's school must complete testing and issue an evaluation report within 60 calendar days from the day you give written permission, unless your state has established a different timeframe.

After the evaluation report is issued, IDEA allows for another 30 days for the team to meet to discuss eligibility and write an IEP for an eligible student. There are no such deadlines for private testing.

What happens with the evaluation results?

The <u>results of your child's evaluation</u> will be used to see if your child is eligible for special education services. If your child is eligible, the team will write an Individualized Education Program (IEP) to meet your child's needs.

If your child is found ineligible, there are a <u>number of things you can do</u> ②. Once your child's evaluation is complete, it can give you a better idea of why your child is struggling in school. This information can help you figure out the best ways to support your child at home, in school and in the community.

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Key takeaways

- An evaluation can give you a better idea of what's difficult for your child.
- You must give permission for your child to be evaluated.
- Once you know the results of the evaluation, you can help plan ways to help your child.



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