

SLD Eligibility Determination: A Full and Individual Evaluation Key Takeaways

Multidisciplinary Team

- Required members
 - Parents/legal guardians
 - General education teacher, or general education classroom teacher qualified to teach a child of his/her age
 - At least one person qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of children, such as a school psychologist and/or speech pathologist

SLD Evaluation Timeline

- Within a reasonable time frame
 - Referral
 - Parent consent
- Within 60 days of receiving parental consent
 - Initiate evaluation process
 - Conduct eligibility determination meeting
- Within 90 days of parental consent
 - Develop IEP

SLD Eligibility Criteria (Body of Evidence consisting of formal and informal data)

- The child **does not achieve adequately** for the child's age or to meet state-approved grade level standards and **exhibits significant academic skill deficit(s)** in one or more of the 8 areas when provided with learning experiences and instruction appropriate for the child's age or state-approved grade-level standards
- The child **does not make sufficient progress** to meet age or state-approved grade-level standards in one or more of the areas identified...when using a process based on the child's response to scientific, research based-intervention
- Must include a variety of assessment tools and strategies and cannot rely on any single procedure

SLD Reevaluation Process

- Required every three years
- Planned in the same manner as initial evaluations
- Can be requested by parents at any time
- Families are included as team members

SLD Eligibility Determination Module 3: Key Takeaways

- Presumed of validity of initial eligibility unless data indicate otherwise
- Review evidence that child continues to have an SLD
- Determine if change in student's ability to benefit from gen. Ed. without supplemental aids and services
- Focus on progress, targeted assessment, planning future instruction and intervention
- The team may decide that no additional evaluation data are needed, parents may disagree and request assessment