



**EVALUATION FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE PARENTALLY PLACED IN PRIVATE SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA**  
(Information About Special Education Services In IU26) – (PA DOE BSE PaTTAN)

*Is your child having difficulty in school?*  
*Has your child been identified as needing special education services?*

**1. Do you believe that your child may be in need of special education services?**

- An evaluation process to assess your child’s needs is available to you at no cost through the School District of Philadelphia. Special education services usually adapts materials and modifies instruction to meet your child’s specific learning/behavior needs.

**2. How to request an evaluation:**

- Visit your neighborhood public school Special Education Liaison (SEL) and submit your request for an evaluation under Equitable Participation (EP).
- The request will be processed and your child will be assigned an EP ID#.

**3. Process for an EP evaluation:**

- The neighborhood public school will prepare a Permission to Evaluation (PTE) listing the specific types of tests and procedures it plans to use and your rights through this process. An evaluation cannot be scheduled until you (parent, guardian, or surrogate) sign the PTE and consent to the proposed testing and assessments. Return the PTE to the neighborhood public school. The evaluation team has 60 calendar days to finalize the evaluation process.
- If after your child has been evaluated and he/she is found to need special education, the neighborhood public school will offer an Individualized Education Program (IEP) – a written document that specifically describes the special education services your child needs. A child is eligible for special education by meeting one of the 13 disability categories listed below and needing specially designed instruction.

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| 1) Autism                | 8) Orthopedic Impairment                  |
| 2) Deaf-Blindness        | 9) Other Health Impairment                |
| 3) Deafness              | 10) Specific Learning Disability          |
| 4) Emotional Disturbance | 11) Speech or Language Impairment         |
| 5) Hearing Impairment    | 12) Traumatic Brain Injury                |
| 6) Mental Retardation    | 13) Visual Impairment including Blindness |
| 7) Multiple Disabilities |   |

**4. Your options after the EP evaluation:**

- You may accept the offer and enroll your child in the neighborhood public school. This offer is referred to as free and appropriate public education (FAPE).
- If you choose not to accept the offer, you may request consultation services through EP.