

### Referral

- A referral is made on behalf of a student to determine if that student is a child with a disability requiring specialized instruction.
- The IEP team must meet within 15 days of receipt of referral to conduct a disposition of referral . At this meeting the team will decide one of two things:
  - If the team has sufficient evidence to determine eligibility
  - If the team needs additional information to determine eligibility



### Evaluation

- Once parent consent is received, the evaluation eligibility team meeting must occur within 45 days (or within 60 days with an agreed upon one time 15 day extension).
- The IEP team will consider all evaluation and assessment results to determine eligibility.
- To be considered eligible for special education, a child must meet the criteria for identification in one or more of 14 categories AND require specialized instruction due to the identified disability (ies).



To be considered eligible as a child with a specific learning disability seven questions must be answered by the team (these are outlined in the Londonderry School District Learning Disability Deliberation form).

- These questions include:
  - Is there a processing disorder present in the child (if yes, continue)
  - Is the processing disorder interfering in the student's ability to achieve adequately in any of the eight academic areas (if yes, continue)
  - Based on the first two questions, is the child's educational performance affected (if yes, continue)
  - Is the underachievement due to lack of instruction (if no, continue)
  - Is the underachievement primarily due to other factors (see form) (if no, continue)
  - Is the evaluation considered reliable and was it conducted by a qualified individual (if yes, continue)
  - Based on the above questions, does a learning disability exist AND require specialized instruction (if yes, then the child qualifies as having a specific learning disability)