SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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WHAT IS SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Special education means specially designed individualized or group instruction to meet the unique needs of preschool students with disabilities.
1. Initial Referral for Special Education Services
   - refer your child to the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). This committee is responsible for assessing children ages 3-5.
2. Individual Evaluation Process
   - the committee arranges for an evaluation of your child’s abilities and needs.
3. Determining Eligibility for Special Education Services

- the evaluations conducted on your child will be reviewed at a CPSE meeting. Based on the results the committee decides if a student is eligible for classification and special education services.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ON THE NORMATIVE CURVE
(For NYS Funded & County Funded Programs)

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4. **Individualized Education Program (IEP)**

- if your child is eligible to receive special education services the Committee develops and implements an IEP, based on the evaluation results, to meet the needs of your child.
5. Annual Review/Reevaluation
   - the IEP must be reviewed by the committee at least once a year.