

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

# Services Available for Children Experiencing Difficulties

All children learn differently. If a child is exhibiting little or no progress in an area of concern after receiving interventions, they may qualify for special education and/or related services. Screening and evaluation are available at no cost to the family.

# Qualifying for Special Education Services & Support

#### If your child is experiencing difficulties with any of the following, they might qualify for extra support.

- Hearing or vision challenges
- Physical challenges with motor skills, coordination,
- or physical movement
- Social interactions or emotional regulation challenges
- Challenges with speech, language, or communication
- Developmental delays or not meeting developmental milestones appropriate for their age
- Issues with ability to learn and participate in classroom
- Complications with processing information and focus

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### How to Get Additional Services

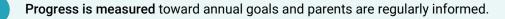
- Identify children in one of two ways: For CPS students, a written referral from a parent, guardian, or school personnel, or, for non-CPS students, through Child Find.
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An **evaluation** must assess the child within 60 school days after a referral is issued. Qualified professionals and parents or guardians meet to review the results. **Child Find** is an ongoing process in CPS that identifies, locates, and evaluates children from ages 3-21.

If the child **does not qualify** for services, the team may consider eligibility under a Section 504 Plan or suggest other support.

If the child **qualifies for services**, an **Individualized Education Program (IEP)** team develops a plan to address the child's needs and goals.

Each child's IEP is **shared with the child's teachers and service providers**. Specific responsibilities are carried out as noted.



The team **reviews the IEP** at least once a year or as requested by the parents/guardians or school and revises as necessary. **Reevaluation** is conducted every three years.

## Help Is Available



For more information or to request a referral, please email the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) at **osd@cps.edu** or call the OSD Helpline at **(773) 553-1800**.

