

Special Education

WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Individuals who have the following disabilities may be eligible for Special Education services:

- Autism
- Deaf-blindness
- Deafness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Noncategorical Early Childhood
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

HOW DO I GET MY CHILD TESTED FOR A DISABILITY?

Your child is enrolled at Houston Heights High School:

- Contact your child's teacher and discuss your concerns, ask questions about your child's reading or math level and overall development in comparison to others in the classroom.
- The Intervention Assistance Team (IAT) will convene on the campus to consider your request for evaluation.
- The IAT coordinator will ask you to formally consent to the evaluation or the IAT may formally refuse your request in a prompt, timely manner.

Your child is not enrolled in school or at Houston Heights High School:

- Contact your neighborhood school in your district. The school will convene an IAT to consider your request.
- The IAT coordinator will ask you to formally consent to the evaluation or the IAT may formally refuse your request in a prompt, timely manner.

WHAT IS TRANSITION PLANNING?

Transition planning is a process that should help ensure student happiness, success, and satisfaction after high school and on to further work, future education, and adulthood.

Transition services must begin by the first IEP in effect when a student turns 16 years old. Transition planning should begin before the student is 16 years old (age 14 in Texas). All students with disabilities should receive transition planning as part of their IEP meetings. The student and his or her IEP team create a vision for the future, and then each year specific goals and services are identified to work toward that vision.

To learn more about transition services, view the Transition and Employment Guide in English or Spanish. For more information please visit Transition In Texas at www.transitionintexas.org.

SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Special education policies for all public schools across Texas can be accessed by clicking this link: framework.esc18.net/display/Webforms/LandingPage.aspx and entering the county-district number for a school. Houston Heights High School's county-district number is 101-821.