

# SPECIAL EDUCATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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# OUR GOAL

To understand the Special Education process.



# WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Referral
- Eligibility
- Development of the IEP





# REFERRAL



Within 15 days of parents requesting an evaluation a decision to evaluate must be made.



# EVALUATION

## WHY?

- To see if your child has a disability and needs special education and related services
- Understand your child's strengths and needs.
- To assist with educational decisions

## WHAT?

- Assessments
- Medical Reports
- Observation
- Work samples
- Interviews with parents & teachers

## HOW?

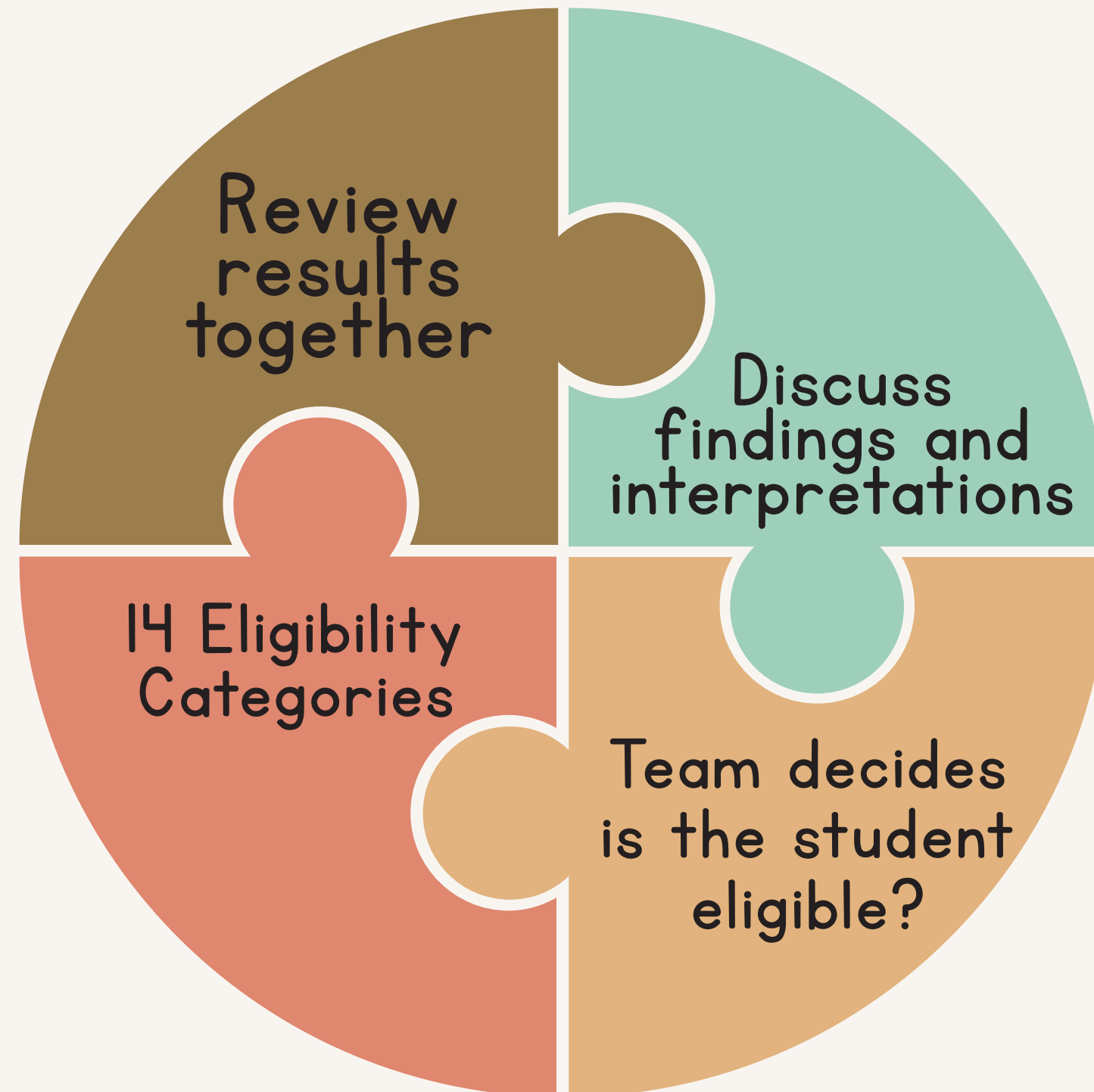
- What kind of evaluation?
- Share your concerns
- What can I expect?
- May I see the results of the assessments?



# ELIGIBILITY



A child with a disability is eligible if they need specially designed instruction to learn and benefit from their educational program.





# DEVELOPING THE IEP

**PRESENT LEVELS OF ACADEMIC &  
FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE  
(PLEP OR PLAAF)**

**SMART GOALS & MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION & RELATED SERVICES**





# LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

To the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with students who are nondisabled...

- Placement is different for every child







## WHAT IF I DON'T AGREE?



- Letter of disagreement
- Principal
- Complex Area Superintendent & District Education Specialist
- Office of Student Support Services



**MORE HELP,  
MORE INFORMATION**

**LEARNING  
WORKS**

**SMALL  
GROUP  
SESSION**

**TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE**

**CASE  
ADVOCACY**



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# RESOURCES

LEARNING WORKS, LDAHAWAII

[WWW.LDAHILEARNINGWORKS.ORG](http://WWW.LDAHILEARNINGWORKS.ORG)

CENTER FOR PARENT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

[WWW.PARENTCENTERHUB.ORG](http://WWW.PARENTCENTERHUB.ORG)

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