

# Special Education Services for Preschool Children

Hays CISD has a continuum of services for preschool children with disabilities. These services are referred to as Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD).

- Speech and Language Services
- Preschool Class for Children with Disabilities
- Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Inclusion Services
- Homebound Services

Children who meet eligibility criteria according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in one or more of the following disabilities may receive services:

Autism (AU)  
Auditory Impairment (AI)  
Deaf Blindness (DB)  
Emotional Disturbance (ED)  
Intellectual Disability (ID)  
Non-categorical Early Childhood (NCEC)  
Orthopedic Impairment (OI)  
Other Health Impairment (OHI)  
Learning Disability (LD)  
Speech Impairment (SI)  
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)  
Visual Impairment (VI)

## Referral Process

- Families of children ages 3-5, who reside within district boundaries, can initiate a referral anytime during the school year.
- Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Early Childhood Assessment Team at (512)268-8250 ext. 46960
- At the appointment, the team observes the child playing and collects information from the parent. Based on the information, the parent may sign consent for a Full Individual Evaluation.
- The team has 45 school days to complete the evaluation and write a report.
- When the evaluation process is complete, the report is provided to the parent.
- An Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) meeting is held within 30 calendar days of the completed written report to discuss evaluation/eligibility and determine appropriate services.
- Services begin after online registration is completed and verified by the campus.

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