

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DURAND
ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION
PROCEDURES

Upon request, the School District of Durand is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Patricia Basche, Director of Special Education, School District of Durand at 672-8921, or by writing her at 604 Seventh Avenue East, Durand, WI 54736.

Many educational opportunities are available in the community for children with disabilities. The School District of Durand provides special education and related services for children ages 3-21 with cognitive disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, autism, traumatic brain injuries, visual handicaps, hearing handicaps, speech and language handicaps, learning disabilities, and emotional/behavioral disabilities. The district also provides services to children ages 3-5 who have been identified with significant developmental delays. In addition, the Pepin County Birth-to-Three Program provides special education and related services for children with disabilities under age 3.

Legal Reference:

115.777(3)(d) Wisconsin Statutes