

Notice Of Special Education Referral And Evaluation Procedures

Upon request, the Barneveld School District 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. A local education agency will document and date the receipt of each referral. Then they shall initiate an evaluation in order to determine eligibility and need for special education services. The local education agency shall notify the parent(s) of the educational placement of the child or will inform the parents that the child does not have a disability within 90 days after the local education agency receives a special education referral for the child.

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 Katie Kavanaugh, Director of Pupil Services, (kkavanaugh@barneveld.k12.wi.us) and Barneveld School District at 608-924-4711 or by writing her at P.O. Box 98, Barneveld, WI 53507.