

Child Study Committee

The Child Study Committee has a general education function. A member of the committee is designated to receive all referrals to the committee. The committee includes the following people: The person who referred the child; the principal or designee; at least one teacher, and at least one specialist.

The purpose of the committee is to identify and recommend strategies to address the child's development. In addition, the committee must explain these strategies in writing. The committee may make a referral for evaluation for special education and related services at any time. This may be prior to or while implementing these strategies. Any action by the committee must be in writing and must include the information on which the decision is based

The request for review by the child Study Committee must occur within 5 business days after the special education administrator receives the referral. Within 10 business days of its receipt of the referral, the committee must decide whether to evaluate. The referral to the committee does not change the timeline for conducting an evaluation, rather, the committee's work is part of the timeline set by law of 65 business days from the date of the initial referral to the eligibility decision.