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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is special education?

“Special education is a term used to describe a wide range of supports and programs for students who need different teaching methods or special equipment to allow them to be successful in school.” (Retrieved from <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/faq/what-is-special-education>)

How do I know if my child needs a special education program or additional learning support?

If you believe that your child needs a special education program, contact your local school and arrange to speak with the principal and/or the classroom teacher.

What is a special education assessment?

A Special Education Assessment is an evaluation of a student by a specialist to determine if the student has special needs and what those needs are. Some of the types of assessments conducted include:

- An Educational Assessment, usually conducted by an educator
- A Speech/Language Assessment, performed by a speech-language pathologist
- A Psycho-Educational Assessment, conducted by a psychologist or a clinical consultant.

When do I tell the school that my child has special needs?

If you know your child has special educational needs you should contact your local school to arrange a meeting about how to enrol your child to begin the transition process.

What is an Individual Education Plan (IEP)?

The Individual Education Plan (IEP) is developed when your child receives special education programs and services. The IEP may include:

- A list of strengths and needs
- A set of goals for the student to work towards
- An outline of the special education program the student will receive
- A list of any special equipment that may be required
- A transition plan

What is an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC)?

The purpose of an IPRC is to formally identify children who have special education needs as “exceptional pupils” and to determine appropriate special education programs and services.