

As a parent, you are uniquely qualified to know your child's learning strengths and weaknesses. School professionals will utilize your knowledge in designing a special education program for your child's benefit. Your child may be eligible for special education if your child:

1) Has mental retardation/an intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, a hearing impairment, deafness, a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment including blindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities **and**

2) Needs special education as determined by an evaluation group.

**Your child must meet both qualifications in order to be eligible for special education.**

In Pennsylvania, all children eligible for special education have the right to a free appropriate public education (FAPE).