

What Do I Do if I Suspect My Child Has a Disability?

You should contact your child's teacher or a school administrator. There are a number of school-based programs designed to assist children that are struggling in school. Educators are trained to work with children with a wide range of learning needs. There are also school-based teams of professionals that meet to help design, implement and monitor specific interventions to assist struggling students. Most children respond well to these general education interventions. Parents are important members of our teams and we want you to be a part of your child's learning and progress.



If your child is still not making good progress, the team may decide to seek evaluations to help determine the presence of a disability. These evaluations can only be conducted with the informed consent of the parents and are provided at no cost to the family.

There are many guidelines governing Special Education and the **MCPS website**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/specialed/infomcps.sh>
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is a good resource for parents. Your school team, including the school psychologist, is there to help explain the process and ensure that your child can learn and succeed!