

Specific Learning Disability (SLD)

Student Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Building: _____

Reviewer Name: _____

Date of Evaluation Report: _____

Eligible: ____ Yes ____ No

_____ Evaluation (Must meet initial criteria)

_____ Reevaluation

Information about each item must be sought from the parent and included as part of the evaluation data. The evaluation data must confirm that the disabling effects of the child's disability occur in a variety of settings. The child must receive two interventions prior to evaluation unless the parent requests an evaluation or the team waives the requirement due to urgency. Based on information in the Evaluation Report and the student file, a pupil has a specific learning disability and is in need of special education and related services when the pupil meets the criteria in A, B, and C OR A, B, and D below.

A. Documentation of Inadequate Achievement

The child does not achieve adequately in one or more of the following areas in response to appropriate classroom instruction.

_____ Oral Expression

_____ Reading Comprehension

_____ Listening Comprehension

_____ Reading Fluency

_____ Written Expression

_____ Mathematics Calculation

_____ Basic Reading Skills

_____ Mathematical Problem Solving

AND

_____ The child does not make adequate progress to meet age or state-approved grade-level standards in one or more of the areas listed above when using a process based on the child's response to scientific, research-based intervention;

OR

_____The child exhibits a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in performance, achievement, or both, relative to age, state–approved grade-level standards, or intellectual development, that is determined by the group to be relevant to the identification of a specific learning disability (SLD).

AND

_____Documentation to support this finding must be both representative of the pupil’s curriculum and useful for developing instructional goals and objectives. Documentation includes evidence of low achievement from the following sources, when available:

- _____Cumulative record reviews
- _____Class work samples
- _____Anecdotal teacher records
- _____Statewide and district-wide assessments
- _____Formal, diagnostic, and informal tests
- _____Results from targeted support programs in general education
- _____Curriculum based evaluation results

B. Information Processing

The child has a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes, which includes an information processing condition that is manifested in a variety of setting by behaviors such as inadequate:

- _____Acquisition of information
- _____Organization
- _____Planning and sequencing
- _____Working memory, including verbal, visual, or spatial
- _____Visual and auditory processing
- _____Speed of processing
- _____Verbal and nonverbal expression
- _____Transfer of information
- _____Motor control for written tasks (pencil and paper assignments, drawing, and copying)
- _____Other: _____

C. Severe Discrepancy

The child demonstrates a severe discrepancy between general intellectual ability and achievement in at least one of the identified areas of achievement. The demonstration of a severe discrepancy shall not be based solely on the use of standardized tests. The instruments used to assess the child's general intellectual ability and achievement must be individually administered and interpreted by an appropriately licensed person using standardized procedures. For initial placement, the severe discrepancy must be equal to or greater than 1.75 standard deviations below the mean on a distribution of regression scores for the general population at the student's chronological age.

General Intellectual Ability Assessment Measure: _____

Overall Composite Score: _____ Regression Score: _____

Achievement Measure: _____

Cluster Area	Composite Score
Oral Expression	_____
Listening Comprehension	_____
Written Expression	_____
Basic Reading Skills	_____
Reading Fluency Skills	_____
Reading Comprehension	_____
Mathematical Calculation	_____
Mathematical Problem Solving	_____

D. Inadequate rate of progress in response to scientific research-based intervention (SRBI)

The child demonstrates an inadequate rate of progress in response to intensive SBRI and the following components are documented:

_____ Rate of progress is measured over at least seven (7) school weeks on a minimum of 12 data points;

_____ Rate of improvement is minimal and continued intervention will not likely results in reaching age or state-approved grade-level standards;

_____ Progress will not likely be maintained when instructional supports are removed;

_____ Level of performance in repeated assessment of achievement falls below the child's age or state-approved grade-level standards; and

_____ Level of achievement is at or below the 5th percentile on one or more valid and reliable achievement tests using either state or national comparisons. Local comparison data that is valid and reliable may be used in addition to either state or national data, but if it differs from either state or national data, the group must provide a rationale to explain the difference.

Review of Eligibility Determination

To determine compliance with eligibility determination, **one of the following must be checked.**

_____ The documentation supports the team decision.

_____ The documentation does not support the team decision.

For complete information regarding disability criteria requirements, refer to Minnesota Rule 3525.1341.