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Referral Evaluation Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team

Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET) / Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Meeting:

Education parent and school professionals review data and evaluation results to determine eligibility for special education and related services; occurs within the 60 day timeframe for the initial evaluation.

Although this chart shows a series of decisions, all decisions are connected. All the decisions are centered on the needs of the child.

For some children, all the MET/IEP decisions can be made in one meeting. For other children, the team will need to meet more than once.

MET/IEP Team Decides:

- Does the child have an educational disability?
- 2. Does the child need Special Education Services?

Team writes the IEP together. This includes deciding what services the child needs.

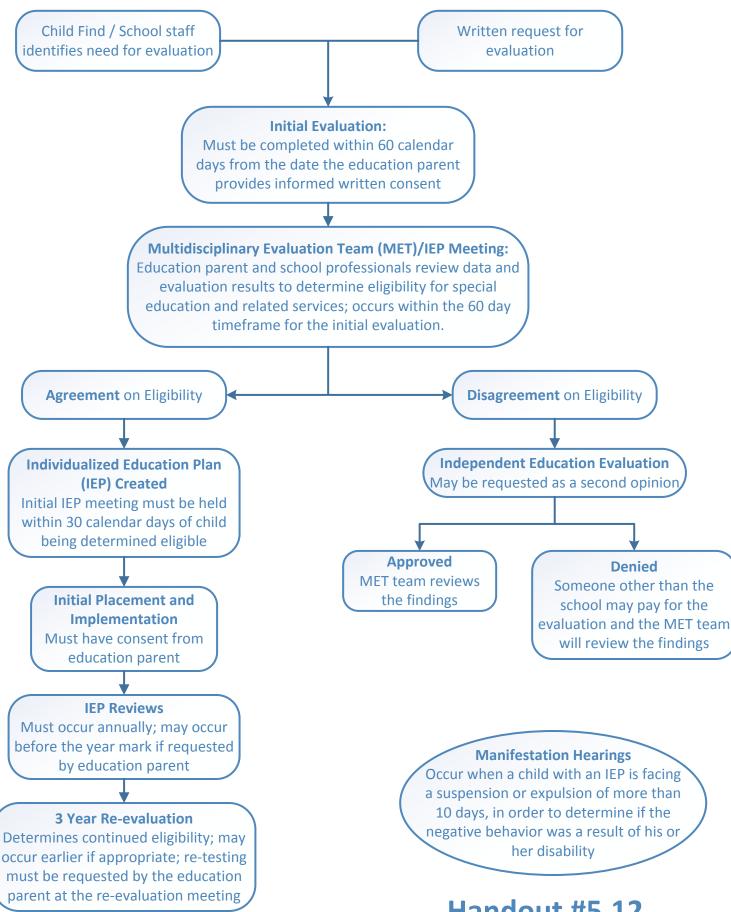
Team decides on the child's program and placement.

Team reviews the child's IEP at least once every school year.

Team does a reevaluation of the child at least every three years or more frequently if parents and school agree, but not more than one time per year.

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