

DISTRICT CLASSES FOR AUTISM/PPD

Each student's disability and special needs are considered for placement by the ARD committee. The District does have Self Contained Resource Classrooms for students whose unique instructional needs have not been met in other educational settings.



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AUTISM EVALUATION TEAM

Doing What's Best for Kids



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EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR AUTISM/PDD

A student who meets the criteria for Autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorder must be evaluated by a multidisciplinary team. The multidisciplinary team must include at least one individual from each of the following groups: a licensed physician, or psychiatrist, or school psychologist, or a nationally certified school psychologist, or a psychologist licensed or certified by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists with training in school psychology and experience or training in the diagnosis of autism; a



certified speech and hearing therapist, or a certified speech and

language therapist, or a licensed speech language pathologist; and an educational diagnostician or other student evaluation specialist licensed or certified to assess disturbances in the areas defined in this subsection.

Referral for Autism Evaluation

A student may be referred for an Autism Evaluation by his or her parents, classroom teacher, or anyone having knowledge of the student by contacting the student's campus diagnostician. The campus diagnostician then contacts Amarillo ISD's Autism Evaluation Team to begin obtaining diagnostic information. After the evaluation is complete, the



information is compiled and presented to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal committee.

Educational Services

A full continuum of services are available within Amarillo ISD that range from general education to self-contained resource. A variety of supplementary aids and services may also be available based on the evaluation data and/or ARD committee decisions.

