

Sufficiency of Data or Additional Assessments Needed

Once the team decides to proceed with a special education evaluation, they need to determine if:

- they have a sufficient amount of information to determine the need for special education and related services, **or**
- additional information is needed. This involves some planning and discussion by the team. Based on information the team already has they need to determine the additional information needed so that sound decisions can be made about the students. They must determine what information is needed, why it is needed, and how the information will be obtained. This should be discussed with the parent and consent obtained. (See planning for additional assessments p. 22)

Sufficiency of Data

Occasionally teams will have a sufficient amount of data to determine eligibility. (See "Sufficiency of Data")

- If the team has sufficient data, they may use the data provided without administering specific assessments and determine eligibility.
- Caution: Even if teams determine that they have a sufficient amount of data, it is best practice for at least one team member to observe the student in the educational setting or their natural environment to validate information.

Sufficiency of data		
Use the existing data to answer the following questions.	Yes	No
The team has documentation to determine that the student is a student with a disability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The team has enough data to determine that the disability is adversely affecting education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The team has enough data to determine that the student does or does not need special education and related services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The team can use the available information to plan and develop a program for the student.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The present levels of academic achievement and functional performance can be identified and described.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>