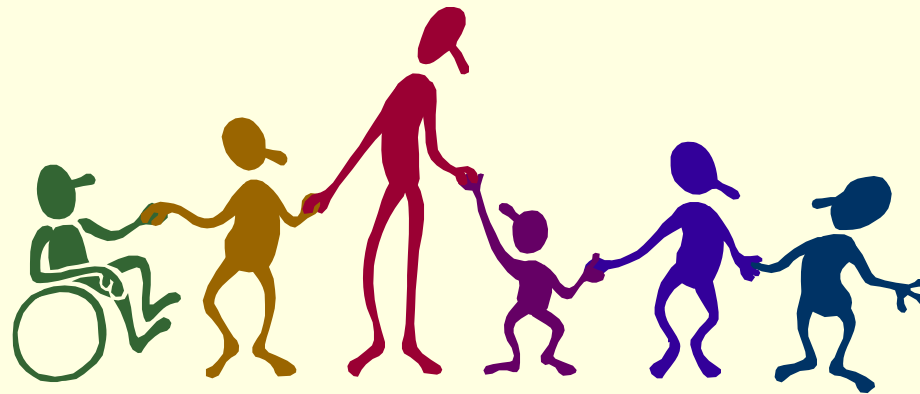


# Students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and the Special Education Process



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# Agenda

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- I. Who Are Students with LEP?
- II. What IS Special Education?
- III. The Special Education Process:  
Your Role & Responsibilities
- III. Questions & Resources

Who are students with LEP?



# LEP – Limited English Proficient

An individual

(A) who is aged \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_;

(B) Who is enrolled or preparing to enroll in an \_\_\_\_\_ or secondary school;

(C)(i) who was not b\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States or whose native language is other than English;

(C)(ii)(I) who is a N\_\_\_\_\_ American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas; and

(II) who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or

(iii) who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; and

# LEP – Limited English Proficient

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(D) Whose \_\_\_\_\_ in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the individual-

(i) the ability to meet the State's \_\_\_\_\_ level of achievement on State assessments described in section 111(b)(3);

(ii) the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English; or

(iii) the \_\_\_\_\_ to participate fully in society.

# Considerations for Second Language Acquisition.

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- B\_\_\_\_\_ Interpersonal  
Communication S\_\_\_\_\_ (BICS)
- Cognitive A\_\_\_\_\_ Language  
Proficiency (CALP)
- Acculturation P\_\_\_\_\_

# BICS: Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills

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- Oral communication skills.
- It will take an LEP student appropriately \_\_\_\_\_ years to acquire BICS.
- ESL classes \_\_\_\_\_ for oral communication, and reading and writing support are recommended.
- Second language acquisition \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ staff must have expertise in teaching ESL.
- Do not assume that if the student “\_\_\_\_\_” English he/she can be assessed in English.

# CALP: Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency

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- Literacy skills of the \_\_\_\_\_ student need to be academically at the “same level” as his/her English speaking peers.
- It takes approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years to acquire CALP.
- ESL services for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ support are recommended.

# Acculturation Process

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Our \_\_\_\_\_ is to educate bi\_\_\_\_\_ students who can function \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ cultures.

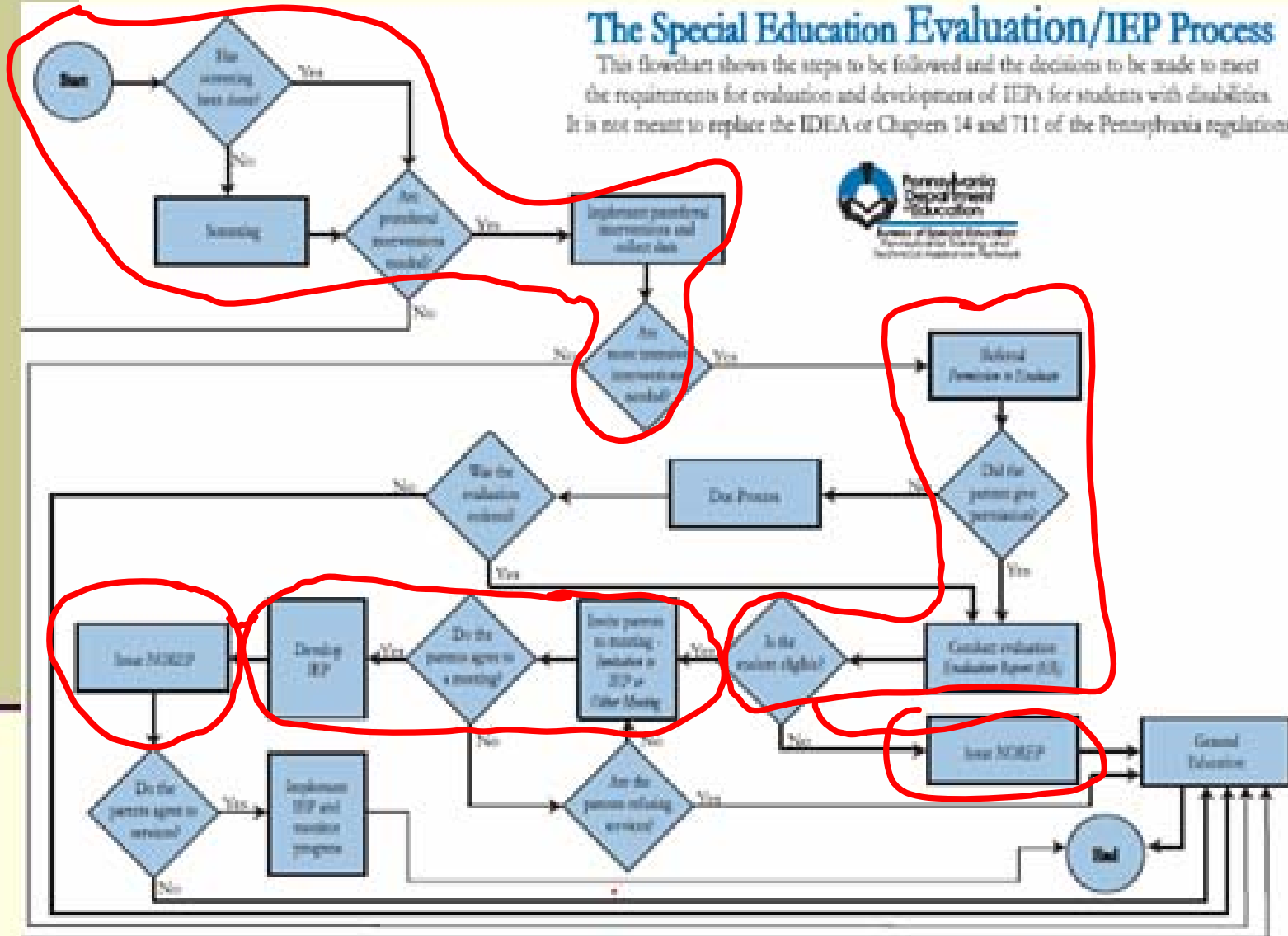
- It takes years to function effectively in two cultures
- Schools must “\_\_\_\_\_” expectations of students and parents.
- Schools must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ cultural differences, and “\_\_\_\_\_” expected behaviors.
- We are educating students to compete in a global economy.
- Teach valuing diversity through \_\_\_\_\_ respect by and for everyone.

# What IS Special Education?



# The Special Education Evaluation/IEP Process

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# Activity

Pennsylvania's Parent Guide To Special  
Education for School Age Children

# Parent Communication

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- Communications with parents needs to be in their native language or use an interpreter. This includes: all screening, prereferral, evaluation, and IEP information, as well as Procedural Safeguards.
  - All Special Education Forms & Formats are available translated into to the most common languages found in PA , on the \_\_\_\_\_ web site:<http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us/regsforms/foreignlanguageformsandformats.aspx>
  - Copies can also be found on the Transact site.

# The Special Education Process: Your Role & Responsibilities

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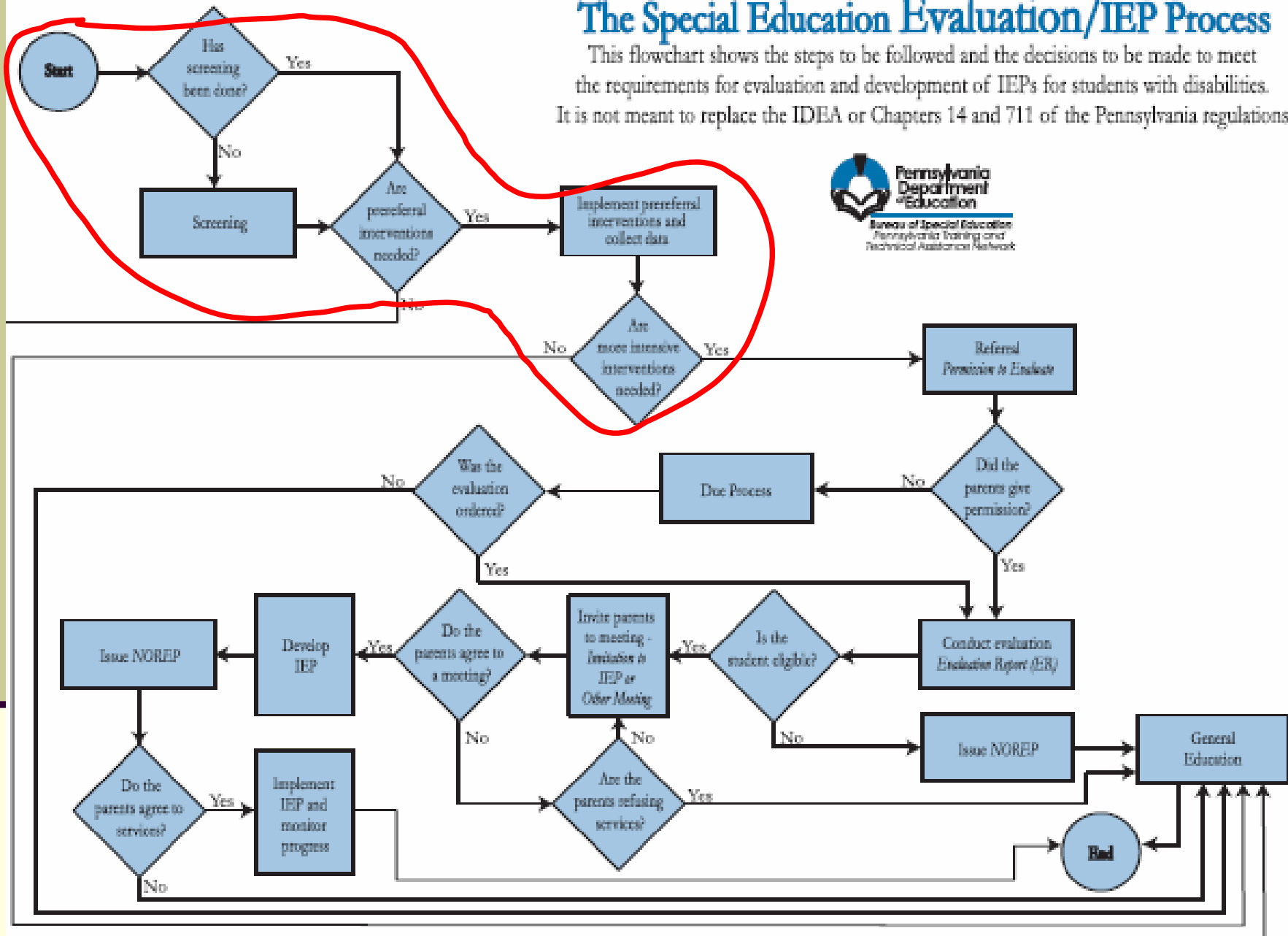
- Prereferral
- Evaluation
- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Notice Of Recommended Placement (NOREP)

# Prereferral

Screening  
Early Intervening Services

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# Screening – Purposes

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- Each SD must establish and implement a comprehensive system of screening to accomplish the following:
  - Identify and provide initial screening prior to referral
  - Provide peer support for teachers and other school personnel to assist in working with students in the general education curriculum
  - Conduct hearing and vision screening
  - Identify students who may need to be referred for MDE

# Screening – Process

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## **Process shall include:**

- Curriculum-based or performance based assessments
- Observation
- Intervention
- Student response to \_\_\_\_\_
- Determination whether difficulties are due to lack of instruction or L\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_
- Determination whether student's needs \_\_\_\_\_ functional ability of regular education program
- Activities to gain \_\_\_\_\_ involvement

# Prereferral Strategies for students with LEP:

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- Carefully Collect and Analyze information – PRIOR to referral for Sp. Ed. Evaluation:
  - Level of Proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Understanding English
  - Time in US & receiving instruction
  - Information on Culture & Development
  - Compare to Development of Children with similar backgrounds
  - Opportunity to Learn – quantity & quality

# Prereferral Strategies for students with LEP: Check for Effective Instruction

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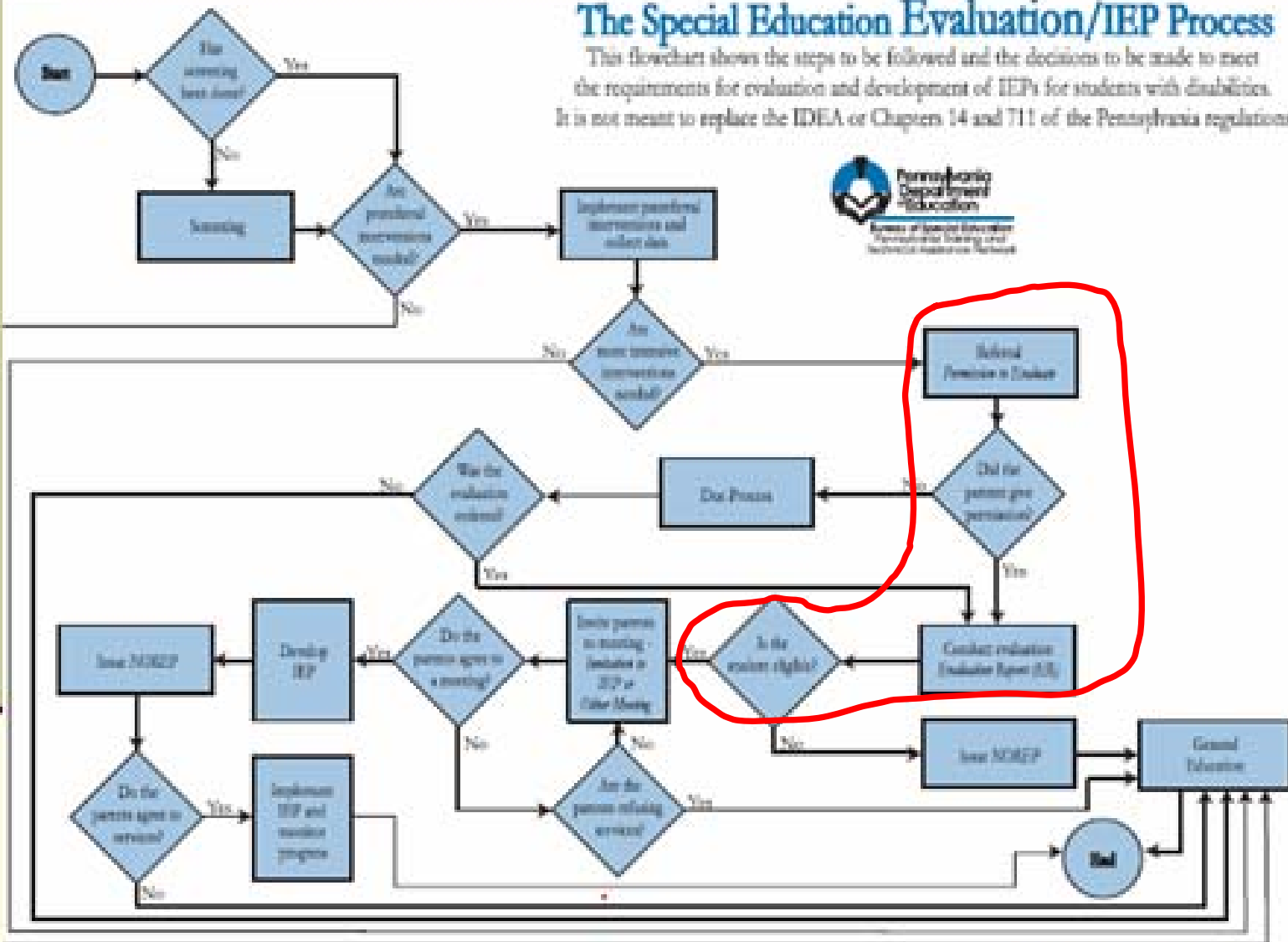
- Lessons have shared goals
- Students and parents understand the goals of lessons
- New learning is linked to prior knowledge
- Both cognitive and metacognitive strategies are taught
- Information is organized (sequentially if possible)
- Instruction is provided in phases, yet is non linear
- Lessons take the child's development into account.

# Referral

Referral Process  
Permission to Evaluate

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# Referral

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- A request for an evaluation for referral to special education may be made by the child's parent(s), LEA, SEA, or other state agency.
- LEA gathers information to use on the Permission to Evaluate
- Parents have the right to review screening records, meet with school personnel, disagree with the referral

# Evaluation

Evaluation Team  
Evaluation Process  
Evaluation Report

# Evaluation TEAM

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- A team of qualified professionals and parent(s)
- Develops a comprehensive, multidimensional assessment tailored to the child being evaluated.
- Determines educational needs *For students with LEP this \_\_\_\_\_ second language acquisition needs, ie. reading, writing, speaking and understanding.*
- Determines \_\_\_\_\_.

# Evaluation

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In conducting the evaluation, the LEA shall:

- Use a \_\_\_\_\_ of assessment tools, including information from the parent
- Not use a \_\_\_\_\_ measure as the \_\_\_\_\_ criterion for determining eligibility
- Use technically \_\_\_\_\_ instruments

# Evaluation

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Assessments used are:

- Not discriminatory or racially biased
- Assessments and other evaluation materials are provided and administered in the **child's native language or other mode of communication** and in the form most likely to yield accurate information; unless clearly not feasible
- Valid, reliable, given by trained personnel
- Able to assess child in all areas of suspected disability and to provide relevant information
- Schools must coordinate assessments of children who transfer during academic year to ensure prompt completion of full evaluation.

# Evaluation

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A child is not a child with a disability if the presenting problem is caused by:

- L\_\_\_\_\_of instruction in reading – **including in the essential components of reading instruction**
- L\_\_\_\_\_of instruction in math
- L\_\_\_\_\_English proficiency

# Review of Data: Evaluation Report

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- Look for corroboration among the results of various types of assessment data.
- For ELLs, the problem should be evident in \_\_\_\_\_ English AND the native language.
- The TEAM ( group of qualified professionals and the child's parent) must determine if the child has a \_\_\_\_\_, and is in need of s\_\_\_\_\_d\_\_\_\_\_i\_\_\_\_\_.

# Evaluation

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## New Criteria for Specific Learning Disabilities

- **The team is not required to take into consideration** severe discrepancy between achievement and intellectual ability in oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, basic reading skill, reading comprehension, mathematical calculation, or mathematical reasoning
- **The team may use a process that determines if the child responds to scientific, research-based interventions as part of the evaluation**

# Evaluation

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## Additional Requirements for Evaluations and Reevaluations

The IEP team must:

- Review existing data including **local or state** assessments and **classroom-based** observations for all students
- Identify if additional data is needed to determine **educational needs of child**; determine present **academic achievement, and related developmental needs**. The team collects data to complete the evaluation.

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“Assessment must be a means to an end. As such, the ultimate quality indicator of assessment is how directly the results aid in instructing the student.”

-Leung (1966)

# Evaluation Report

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- Let's take a look at the Evaluation Report

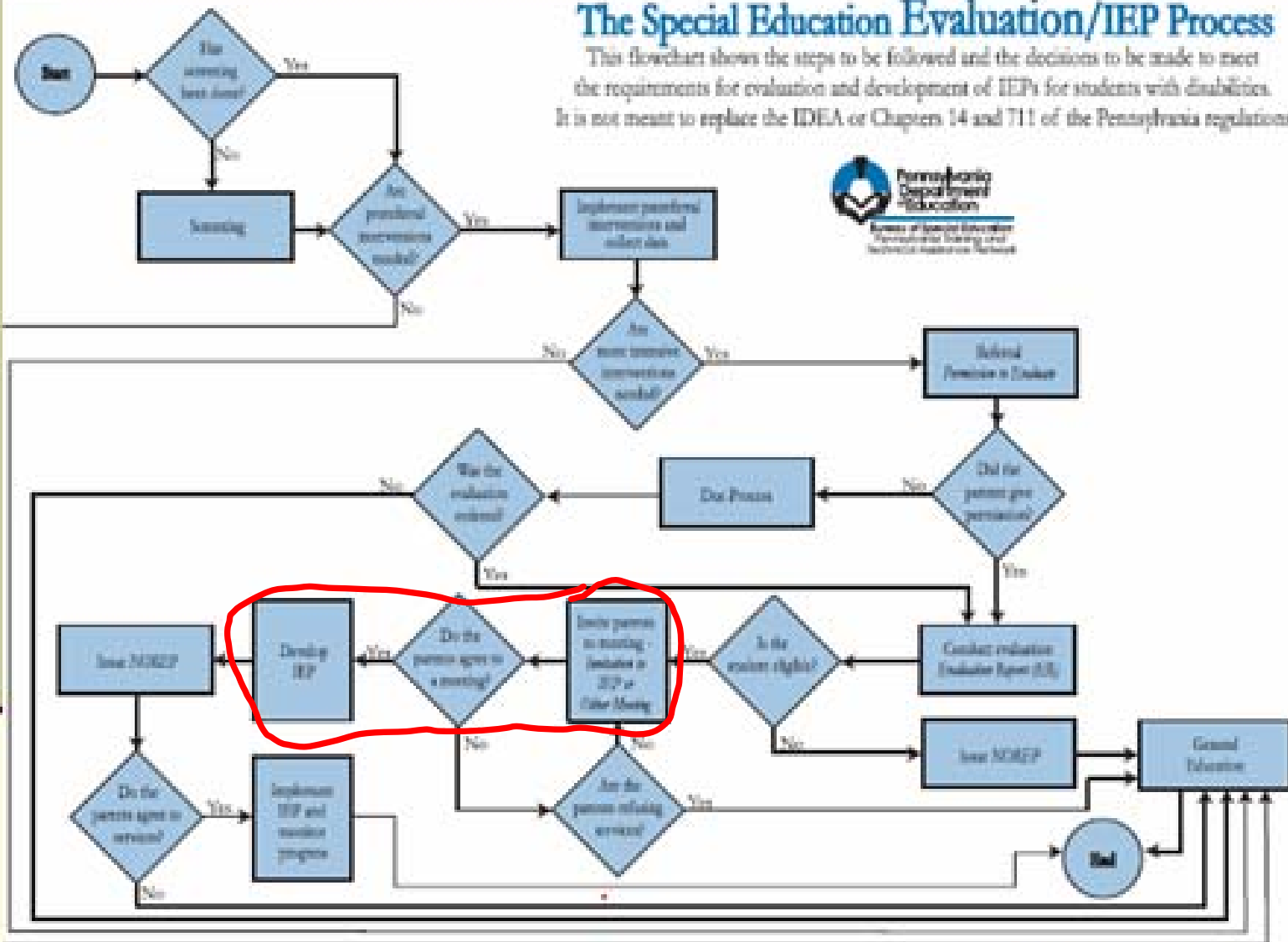


# Individualized Education Program (IEP)

IEP Team  
IEP Process  
IEP Format

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# IEP Team Members

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- Parents
- One regular education teacher, if child is or may be participating in the regular education environment
- One special education teacher
- LEA representative
- Someone who can interpret the results (role may be filled by another IEP team member)
- Others (e.g., community agencies)
- Student, when appropriate

# IEP Team Attendance

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- If IEP team member's area of expertise is not being discussed/modified, the team member need not attend if parent and LEA agree in writing
- If an IEP team member's area of expertise is being discussed/modified, IEP team member may be excused if parent and LEA agree in writing and if member's written input submitted to parents prior to the meeting

# IEP Team Meeting

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IEP Team:

- R\_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation Report (ER)
- D\_\_\_\_\_ the IEP, including transition planning when appropriate

For Reevaluation, IEP Team reviews effectiveness of current IEP

Progress monitoring necessary to determine effectiveness of instruction

# IEP Format

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- Developed within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days after Evaluation Report
- Reviewed a \_\_\_\_\_
- Implemented as soon as possible or within \_\_\_\_\_ school days

# Let's look at the IEP form

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# The IEP: A Team Decision

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- ↪ Team Membership
- ↪ Procedural Safeguards – other Languages  
([www.pattan.k12.pa.us](http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us))
- ↪ Section I – check Limited English Proficiency
- ↪ Section II – Present Levels: RWSU in 2<sup>nd</sup> Language
- ↪ Section VI – A : Be specific!

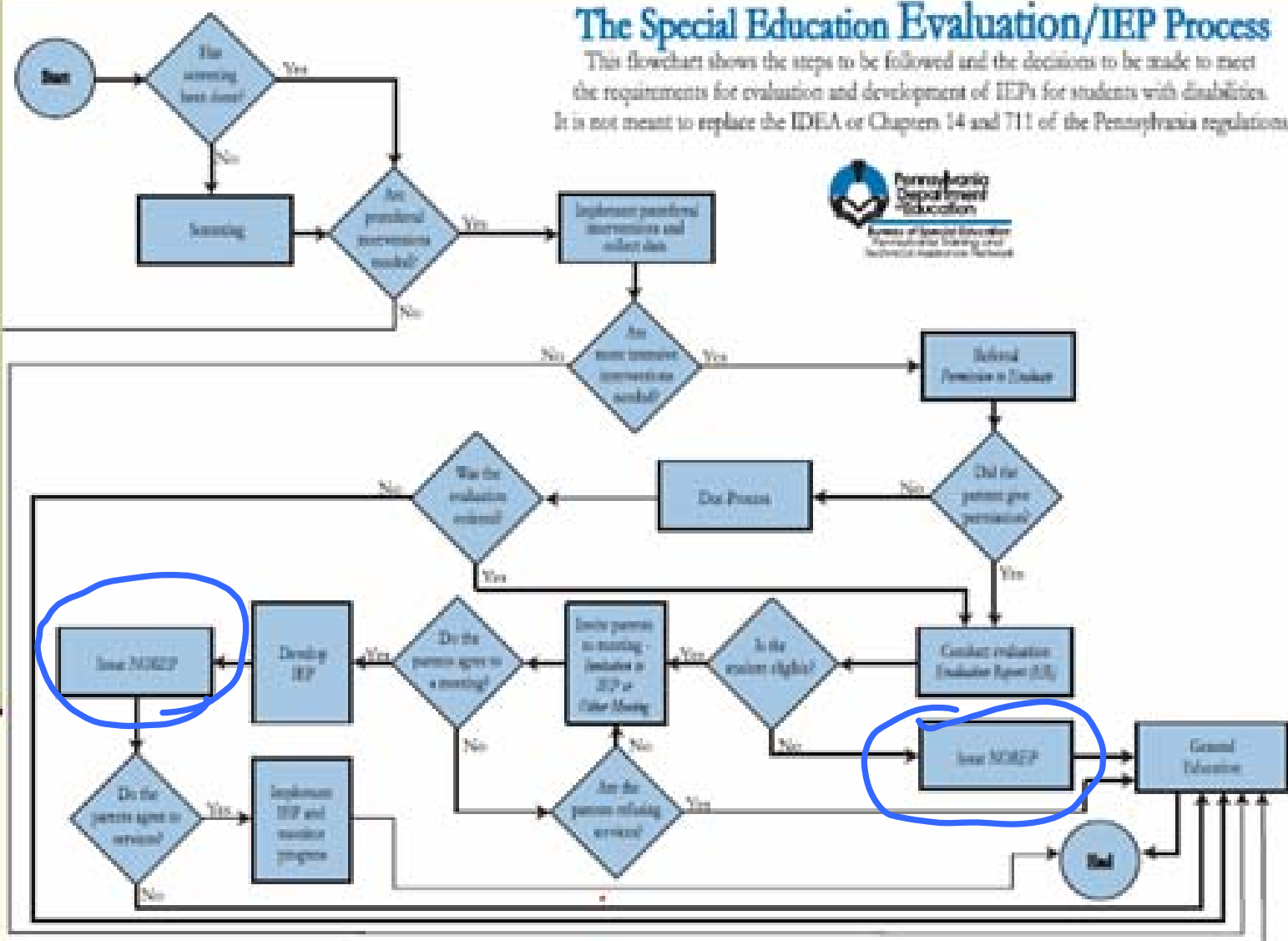


# Notice of Recommended Educational Placement



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# Quick Review

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## Students with LEP?

- age
- enrolled (or preparing to enroll)
- not born in US or language other than English
- difficulties with English RWSL/U

# Quick Review

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What IS Special Education?

Services for students who:

- 1. Have a Disability AND**
- 2. Need Specially Designed Instruction**

# Quick Review

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## The Special Education Process: Your Role & Responsibilities

Preferral –

Evaluation -

IEP -

NOREP

# Questions ?

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# The World Wide Web

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- Teacher's of English to Speakers of Other Languages  
[http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/index.asp](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp)
- National Association for Bilingual Education  
<http://www.nabe.org/>
- National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition  
<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/index.htm>
- Center for Applied Linguistics  
<http://www.cal.org>
- LD on Line  
<http://www.ldonline.org>
- Office of Civil Rights  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc>

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# Thank you!

