

Eligibility Determination Team

The eligibility team for children suspected of having an SLD includes the child's parents and a team of qualified professionals. The team of qualified professionals must include the child's regular teacher (or if the child does not have a regular teacher, a regular classroom teacher qualified to teach a child of his or her age) or for a child of less than school age, an individual qualified by the SEA to teach a child of his or her age; a special educator, at least one person qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of children, such as a school psychologist, speech-language pathologist, or remedial reading teacher (§300.308), and a representative of the LEA. In addition, when considering eligibility of a student who is an English Language Learner, an ESL teacher, bilingual teacher, coordinator for ELLs, or other person knowledgeable in instruction and assessment of English Language Learners must be included.

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