

## **Statement on Dundee Central School CSE Services**

The Committee on Special Education (CSE) is appointed by the Board of Education. Referrals to the CSE can be made by a parent, teacher or doctor. Requests for referral for special education services should be submitted to the Director of Special Programs with a written statement asking the school district for an evaluation to determine if a student needs special education services. A referral can be revoked, if after meeting to review the referral the team agrees to try an intervention and measure growth.

After your child is referred for special education, you will be asked to give a written consent to have your child evaluated. An initial evaluation to determine your child's needs must include:

- \*a physical examination
- \*a psychological evaluation (if determined appropriate for school-age students, but mandatory for pre-school children)
- \*a social history
- \*observation of your child in his or her current education setting
- \*other tests or assessments that are appropriate for your child (such as a speech and language assessment or a functional behavioral assessment, OT or PT evaluation)
- \*vocational assessments (required at age 12)

After the evaluation is completed, you will be invited to a meeting as a member of the Committee on Special Education (CSE). If the information gathered during the evaluation supports classification according to New York State Education Law, the CSE will seek your signed consent to develop an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that will address the unique learning needs of your student. The committee will determine if your child is eligible for special education services based on the terms which are outlined in the state regulations. Definition of disability- section 200.1(zz) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Preschool age children may also be eligible for special education services through a similar process overseen by the Committee on Preschool Special Education Services (CPSE). For children ages 3-5, educational programs and services are the responsibility of the school district in which the child resides, as outlined by New York State Education Law. For children from birth-2, services may be provided by the county of residence.

Once a student is identified with a documented disability, special education services will be recommended based on the individual academic, social, physical and management needs of the student. Special education services are provided in the least restrictive environment, and most often in the home school.

The Dundee Central School District in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and Education Law, is required to locate all children under the age of twenty-one with disabilities within its jurisdiction. Children of preschool age and children in all public and private agencies and institutions must be identified, located and evaluated in the district in which they reside.