What Is an Evaluation?

A psychological or educational evaluation gathers information about a child's learning, behavior, emotions, development, and everyday functioning.

The goal is not simply to give a label. An evaluation can help identify strengths, clarify areas of need, and guide recommendations for school, home, or treatment.

A helpful reminder

You do not have to wait until a concern becomes severe. Asking questions early can help families make informed decisions about next steps.

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Does My Child Need an Evaluation?

A Parent & Caregiver Guide



When concerns continue despite support, an evaluation can help families understand what may be getting in the way.

Learn when an evaluation may be helpful, what information it can provide, and how families can prepare for the process.

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When Might an Evaluation Help?

An evaluation may be worth considering when concerns are persistent in areas such as:

- **Learning & academics**
- **Attention & organization**
- **Behavior**
- **Social interaction**
- **Emotional functioning**
- **Development**

Important

One difficult week, one low grade, or one behavior does not automatically mean a child needs testing. Look for patterns, persistence, and impact on daily functioning.



Signs to Pay Attention To

- Falling behind despite extra help
- Large differences between effort and performance
- Ongoing attention or organization difficulties
- Frequent emotional or behavioral concerns
- Difficulty with peers or social communication
- Developmental concerns
- School avoidance or significant distress
- Questions about autism, ADHD, or learning needs

A good evaluation should explain both strengths and areas where support may be needed.

What Happens During an Evaluation?

The exact process depends on the referral question, but evaluations typically combine information from several sources rather than relying on one test.

An evaluation may include:

- Parent/caregiver interview
- Teacher or school input
- Record review & history
- Standardized assessment

How Can I Prepare?

- Write down your main questions and concerns.
- Gather relevant school and medical records.
- Bring prior evaluations, IEPs, or 504 Plans if available.
- Ask teachers for examples of current concerns.
- Prepare questions about results and recommendations.

How Enspire Can Help

Enspire provides comprehensive psychological evaluations to help families better understand developmental, behavioral, emotional, attention, and learning needs.

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