What is Special Education?

- Specially designed instruction
- No cost to parents
- Meets the specific needs of the student with a disability
- Related services (if deemed appropriate) are available

What is the pre-assessment process?

- Student Study Team (SST) meeting is held. Recommendations made by the Team.
- District or parent may request an evaluation
- District request – parent may say Yes or No
- Parent request – district may say Yes, No or Let’s Look at Some other Options
  - Yes – written notice and written consent
  - No – written notice and parent rights
  - Other options – accommodations and different teaching strategies

What is the assessment/evaluation process?

- Purpose:
  - Determine eligibility for Special Education services
  - Determine strengths and needs of your child
- Components of evaluation
  - Assessments in areas of need
  - Relevant medical reports
  - Observation of child
  - Input from classroom teacher
  - Input from parent
  - Other concerns/strengths
- Other information
  - Test results will be discussed with family
  - Testing must be completed w/in 60 days