

What are Related Services?

Related services include such services as transportation, developmental, corrective and other supportive services that are needed to assist a child in benefiting from *special* education services. Special education services support the student's access to the general education curriculum, and related services support those special education services.

What Are the Age Limits for Special Education Services?

In California, a child may be eligible for special education services, in the form of Early Intervention Services, from birth through age three. In the San Mateo County, these services are provided by the Golden Gate Regional Center, which has a separate set of eligibility criteria for developmental delays or have established at-risk conditions with harmful developmental consequences. Children who qualify for early intervention services will receive services from the San Mateo County Office of Education if they have, solely, a visual, hearing, or severe orthopedic impairment. All other children in this age range who exhibit will receive early intervention services from their local Regional Center.

After age three, and until school age, a child may be eligible for preschool special education. In terms of the maximum age, a student continues to be eligible for special education until they receive a high school diploma, or they reach age 22, whichever comes first.

When is a Child Eligible for Special Education Services?

A child is eligible for special education services if an IEP team determines that the child has a disability and requires special education services to progress in the general education curriculum.

The eligibilities include:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Deaf-Blindness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Established Medical Disability (Only for children ages 3-5)
- Hard of Hearing
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

When is a Child NOT Eligible for Special Education Services?

Students are not considered for special education services on the basis of lack of

instruction (not having attended school in the past), poor school attendance, any temporary disability, such as a broken leg, social maladjustment, environmental, cultural, or economic factors, or English Language Learners (without an identified disability).