



Educational/Psychological Testing

For private testing:

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**We recommend private testing because they do not require several weeks of interventions and meetings before agreeing to test the student. Private testing results are usually complete within two to three weeks. Public school testing can take up to 90 days. Although there can be a significant cost for private testing, most insurances cover a large part of the fees. When you call, ask the providers if they take your insurance. These psychologists accept different forms of insurance, so you should call both to determine which one is most cost effective.*

For public testing:

- Write a brief letter that:
 - explains your child's strengths and needs.
 - lists your specific concerns for your child.
 - requests an evaluation/reevaluation to see if your child has a disability.
- Have the private school complete the Supplemental Information Form.
- Enroll your child as a visiting student at his/her base school.
 - Identify base school using the address lookup tool. <http://wwwgis2.wcpss.net/addressLookup/>
- Call the data manager at the school to see when you can enroll (some schools take walk-ins, others require an appointment) and verify the forms you need to enroll.
- Print and complete the paperwork needed.
- Make sure you have all of the required documentation (proof of address, etc.).
- Go to the school and complete the enrollment process.
 - Give the letter and *Supplemental Information Form* to the principal or special education department chair/contact upon enrollment.
 - The school will contact you to set up a referral/reevaluation meeting.
- If you need any help during this process, contact **Stephanie Jordan** at sjordan@wcpss.net. She is the Coordinating Teacher with Wake County's Special Education Services. She has been very gracious in helping our families navigate the process.