

## NONCATEGORICAL EARLY CHILDHOOD

Authorities: 34 CFR Part 300; 19 TAC Chapter 89

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	<b>FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS</b>
Practice	<p><u>The eligibility category of “noncategorical early childhood,” must no longer be used by any school district beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Any eligible student who begins the 2025-2026 school year already identified with “noncategorical early childhood” eligibility may maintain this eligibility category, if determined appropriate by the student's ARD committee, until the required re-evaluation before the age of six.</u></p> <p><b>Citations:</b>  <a href="#">89.1040(d)(3)</a></p>
	<b>EVALUATION PROCEDURES</b>
Document	<p>The child must be assessed in all areas of suspected disability.</p> <p><b>Citations:</b>  <a href="#">300.304(c)(4)</a></p>
Practice	<p>The local educational agency must comply with <a href="#">EVALUATION PROCEDURES</a>.</p>
Practice	<p>In Texas, the group of qualified professionals that determines whether the child is a child with a disability and the educational needs of the child is the child's <a href="#">ADMISSION, REVIEW, AND DISMISSAL COMMITTEE</a>.</p> <p><b>Citations:</b>  <a href="#">89.1040(b)</a>  <a href="#">89.1050(a)(5)</a></p>
Document	<p>The group of qualified professionals that collects or reviews evaluation data in connection with the determination of the child's eligibility based on noncategorical must include the applicable members for <a href="#">INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY</a>, <a href="#">EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE DISABILITY</a>, <a href="#">SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY</a>, or <a href="#">AUTISM</a>.</p>
Document	<p>The evaluation data reviewed by the group of qualified professionals in connection with the determination of the child's disability based on noncategorical must comply with the applicable evaluation procedures of <a href="#">DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING</a> and <a href="#">VISUAL IMPAIRMENT</a>.</p>
Document	<p><i>Noncategorical early childhood disability</i> means the child:</p>

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	<b>Citations:</b> <a href="#">89.1040(c)(13)</a>
<a href="#">Document</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is between the ages of three to five; and</li> </ul> <b>Citations:</b> <a href="#">89.1040(c)(13)</a>
<a href="#">Document</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is evaluated as having an <a href="#">INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY</a>, an <a href="#">EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE DISABILITY</a>, a <a href="#">SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY</a>, or <a href="#">AUTISM</a>.</li> </ul> <b>Citations:</b> <a href="#">89.1040(c)(13)</a>

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