

NONCATEGORICAL EARLY CHILDHOOD

Authorities: 34 CFR Part 300; 19 TAC Chapter 89

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	FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS
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>Citations: 89.1040(d)(3)</p>
	EVALUATION PROCEDURES
Document	<p>The child must be assessed in all areas of suspected disability.</p> <p>Citations: 300.304(c)(4)</p>
Practice	<p>The local educational agency must comply with EVALUATION PROCEDURES.</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 ADMISSION, REVIEW, AND DISMISSAL COMMITTEE.</p> <p>Citations: 89.1040(b) 89.1050(a)(5)</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 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE DISABILITY, SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY, or AUTISM.</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 DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING and VISUAL IMPAIRMENT.</p>
Document	<p><i>Noncategorical early childhood disability</i> means the child:</p>

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

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