

Floydada ISD Special Education Department
Counseling Service
Counseling Referral and Qualification Guidelines

A special education student who might benefit from counseling services should be referred during the course of his/her ARD committee deliberations. When a student is referred to counseling, the diagnostician will inform the counselor about the results of the ARD committee's decision. The counselor will begin the diagnostic process to determine eligibility.

To determine eligibility, the counselor will do the following:

1. The counselor will tender the "Counselor Referral Form" (a counselor made form) to the concerned teacher, parent, administrator, et al. relative to the referred student.
2. The counselor will, through conferencing, gather verbal data on the referred student from concerned individuals.
3. The counselor will administer the **Behavior Assessment System for Children, Second Edition** (BASC II) SRP to the referred student.
4. The counselor will secure from concerned teacher(s) (at least one, and preferably two) BASC II TRS form(s) on the referred student.
5. The counselor will endeavor to obtain a completed BASC II PRS from, at least, one parent on his/her referred child.
6. The counselor will conduct, at least, two diagnostic counseling interviews with the referred student.

After gathering as much of these data as possible, the counselor will make a determination on the appropriate recommendation(s), relative to the referred student, to present to the ARD committee. It is recognized that much of the data is quite subjective in nature; therefore, the counselor's best judgment, in reviewing results of the data, will be a large determinant in student placement. However, great care should be taken in the examination of data in items 3, 4, and 5 above. These data are more objective, and care should be taken in the light of "areas of concern" on the BASC II.

Using the results of the diagnosis, the counselor will make a recommendation to the diagnostician whether the referred student would be eligible for counseling services.