

Information for parents

Obtainment of a physician's opinion in case of suspected special educational needs for "mental development"

Dear family,

Due to the considerable difficulties they are experiencing with (academic) learning, your child requires special support. To best adjust this support to your child's needs and maintain or restore your child's motivation to learn, the causes must be identified.

It is important to determine whether your daughter / son..... requires special educational support that focuses primarily on "mental development".

This determination requires your child to be examined by physicians. These physicians will examine the causes of the learning difficulties and whether there is treatment that may help your child learn. Should such an examination or psychological testing (intelligence testing) have already been performed, please provide the test results to us and all future examiners.

If your child has not been tested, please contact your paediatrician. Your paediatrician will inform you which specialists to consult. These may be:

- Social Paediatric Centers (SPZ)
- Child and adolescent psychiatrists and psychotherapists
- Paediatricians focusing on neuropaediatrics
- Other doctors, e.g. to diagnose hearing or visual impairments

These medical examinations are an addition to the special educational needs diagnostics performed by your competent SIBUZ /school psychologists.

A final assessment of special educational needs can only be made when the medical test results have been submitted in form of a physician's letter or opinion.

This assessment of special educational needs will be quicker in the event that you obtain the medical test results as soon as possible. Determining whether "mental development" requires special assistance is the basis of providing special education for your child's needs. Your school will be advised by the SIBUZ and receive additional personnel resources. Your child's learning objectives will be adjusted and a special educational plan will be prepared.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local SIBUZ.

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