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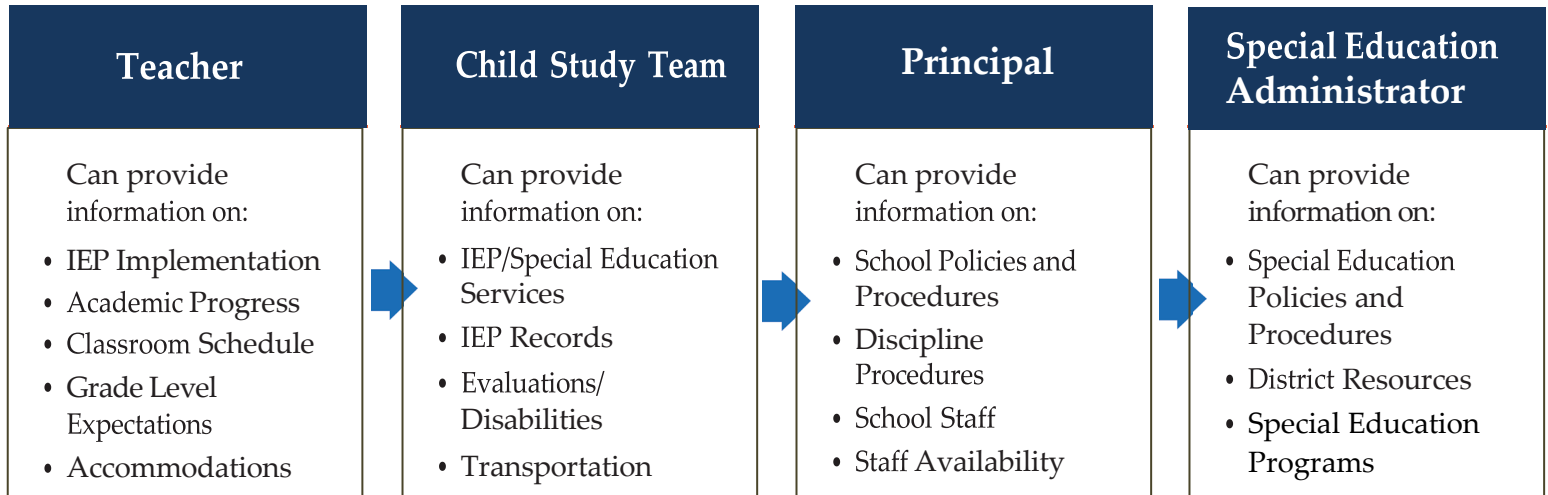
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Resolving Special Education Issues with Your Child's School

If your child is having difficulty in school or you think a change to your child's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is needed, communicating with the appropriate school or district personnel is often the quickest, simplest way to resolve or address an issue.

Who Has the Information You Need?



Examples of How to Begin Resolving an Issue

Good communication with the person working directly with your child, such as a classroom teacher or a special education teacher, can prevent many problems at school. **Try to work out problems with the teacher first and as they arise.** If you cannot resolve the issue with the teacher, then proceed to the next level.

<p>You believe your child is falling behind in their school work</p> <p>Who do you contact? Start with your child's teacher.</p> <p>What do you say? I would like to meet with you because I am concerned that my child is falling behind in his school work.</p>	<p>You suspect your child has a disability and needs to be evaluated.</p> <p>Who do you contact? The principal, teacher or Child Study Team.</p> <p>What do you say? I would like to have my child evaluated for a disability because I am concerned about why she is struggling in school. <i>Submit the request for evaluation in writing.</i></p>	<p>You believe your child's IEP is not being followed.</p> <p>Who do you contact? Start with your child's case manager.</p> <p>What do you say? I would like to schedule a meeting to discuss concerns about how my son's IEP is being implemented. Perhaps some changes need to be made to his IEP.</p>
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Who do you contact in the Office of Special Education?

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