



Multicultural Consultation and Assessment Team (MCAT)

The purpose of the MCAT team is to support PSD's Integrated Services school teams during the special education referral, evaluation, and eligibility process for students identified as multilingual learners (MLs) to determine the possible impact of cultural and language differences on a student's performance.

Based on guidance from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), while the school team is evaluating a child in English, the PSD MCAT team will, at times, conduct evaluations in Spanish or other languages, using an interpreter, in order to gather a comprehensive illustration of the child's overall abilities.

Collaboration between the school team and MCAT helps to ensure that we have the most accurate information on what the child knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally while considering their cultural and language strengths and differences.