



# Special Education and PPS

Committee on Preschool Special Education

Presentation to the Board of Education

Smithtown Central School District

December 10, 2024



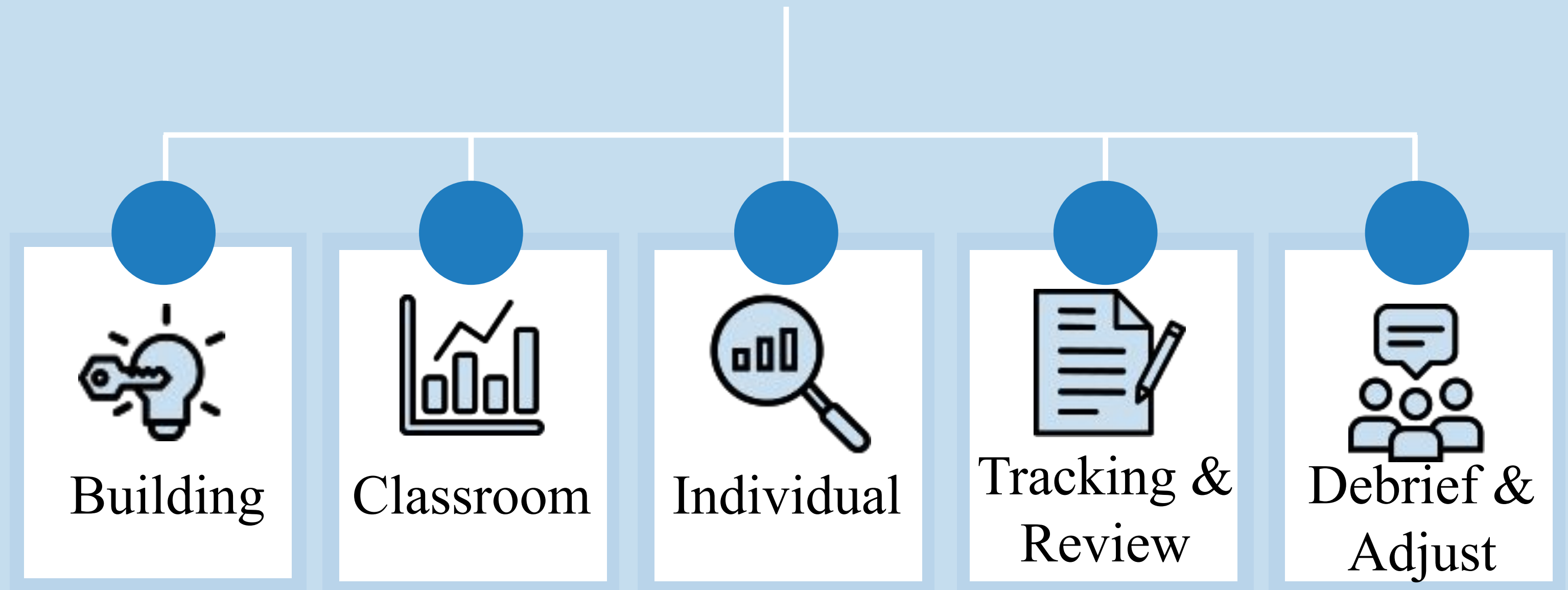
# Special Education: Kindergarten-12th Grade

- Related Services
- Resource Room
- Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT)
- Special Class
- RISE (K-5)/FAMP (6-8)/FAST (9-12)
- Out-of-District Programs
- Private and Parochial
- Extended School Year Program
- Summer Offerings
- CPSE

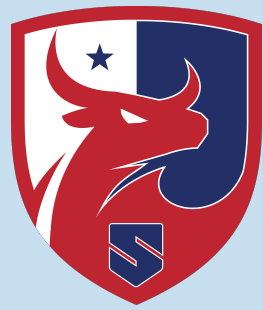




# Teacher-Student Support







# Parents/Guardians



- Student Support
- IEP Development and IEP Meetings
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Academic Success
- Transition from Grade to Grade
- Teacher Parent Partnership
- SEPTA Partnership
- Strengthen School and Home Partnership
- Parent and Student Assistance



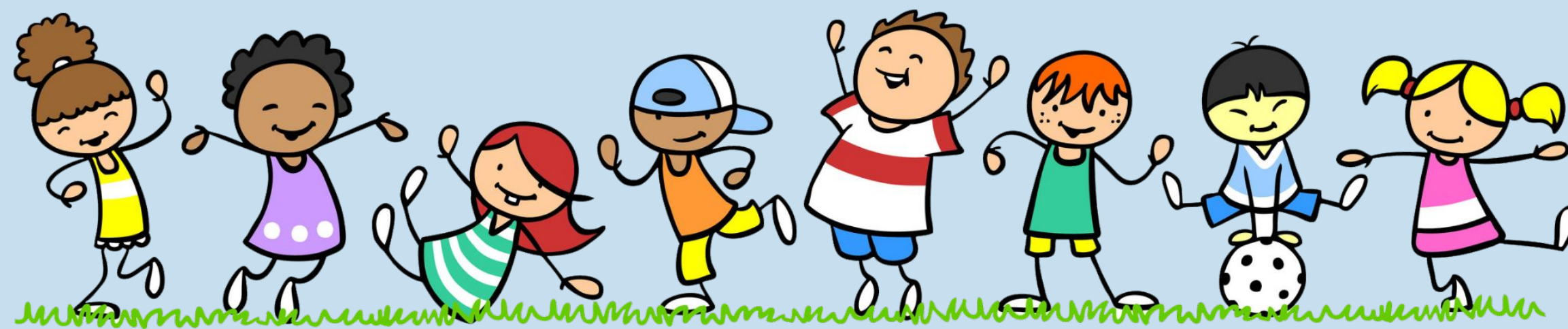


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# Suffolk County Department of Health

- Smithtown CSD is a community partner
- Evaluations, Services, and Programs Provided through Suffolk County Department of Health
- More than 50 evaluating agencies
- More than 75 provider agencies
- More than 20 developmental preschools
- Relationships with Suffolk County, evaluators, agencies, providers, and preschools







# The CPSE Process

## Step 1

Initial referral  
and parental  
consent for  
evaluation

## Step 3

CPSE meeting  
to determine  
eligibility and  
develop the IEP



## Step 2

Evaluations  
completed by an  
approved  
provider

## Step 4

Recommended  
implementation  
of an IEP





## Special Education Itinerant Teaching

Services provided by  
certified special education  
teachers in a preschool  
program to assist a preschool  
student with a disability



## Related Services

Speech Language Therapy,  
Occupational Therapy,  
Physical Therapy,  
Vision Therapy & Counseling



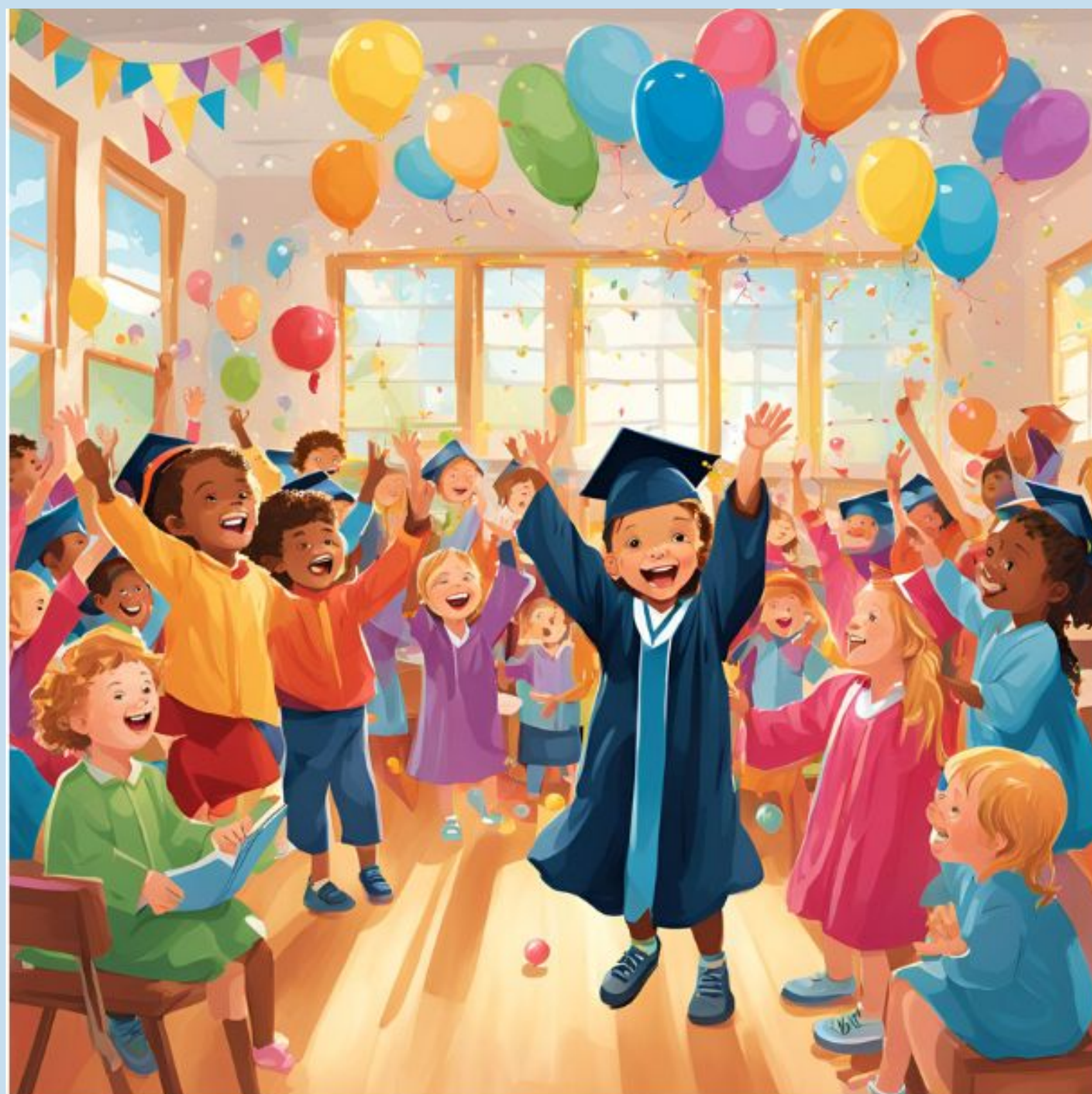
## Center Based Programming

Specialized Developmental  
Preschool Programs include  
Special Class in an Integrated  
Setting and Special Class





# IEP Development



## Observation

Observations are conducted for each rising preschool student at their preschool

## Provider & Teacher Input


Service providers and teachers provide written and verbal reports on current levels of performance, strengths and needs


## The Meeting

Takes place in February or March.  
Includes a psychologist from a district elementary school



## Parent Communication

 **Michele Russo** **Sample**

 20 min appointments **Sample Meeting**

Select an appointment time

December 2024

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- Communication is the most important piece of any process
- Parents are invited via email to schedule a phone call at their convenience using a link provided
- Allows for more efficient communication





# Section 504





# What is Section 504?

- Federal Law through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 intended to protect individuals with mental or physical impairments in regards to accessing programs and activities
- Services general education students who may be subject to discrimination because of an impairment





# The 504 Process

## Step 1

Initial referral and parental consent for evaluation (if applicable)

## Step 3

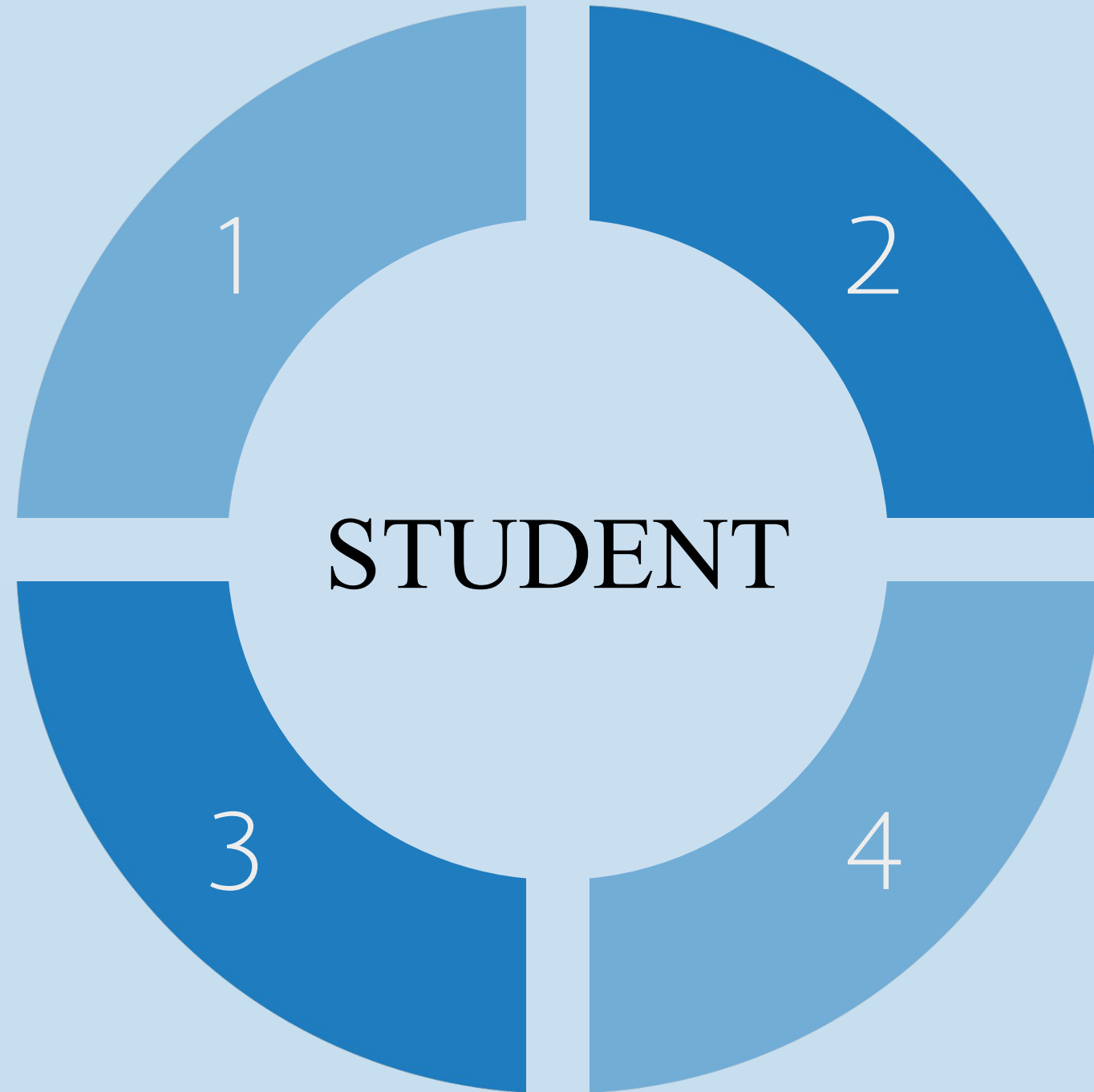
Creation of the plan

## Step 2

Eligibility meeting

## Step 4

Recommended implementation of Section 504 Plan







# Eligibility

➤ Students must meet both criteria below:

- Have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity
- Impacts access to general education curriculum

➤ If the student meets both criteria, they are eligible to receive accommodations through a Section 504 Plan.

## What is a Substantial Limitation?

➤ Nature of disability

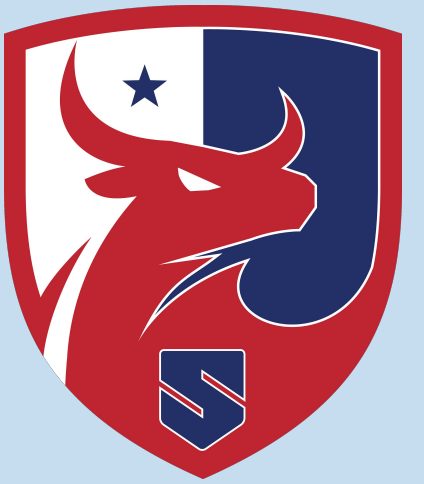
➤ Duration of disability

➤ Is it expected to last long term?

➤ Impairments that last only a short period of time are typically not covered.

➤ Impacts access to general education curriculum





“Energy and persistence  
conquer all things”-  
Benjamin Franklin