

# EARLY INTERVENTION ..... SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education/Early Intervention Services are designed to identify students who have disabilities and help to increase their skill level during a “window of opportunity” in their development.

➤ **Process is:**

- Referral
  - Evaluation
    - ◆ Eligibility - does the child meet criteria? If yes, **IEP**; if no, nothing further at this time

## What should I do if I have concerns about a student?

- ✓ Talk to parents **FIRST** if you have concerns about a student
- ✓ Parents must be the ones to call SD5 to make a referral for special education; child care providers/preschools can be a support for families
- ✓ Referrals can be made through:
  - Ginni Paulson, Russell Elementary, ChildFind/Part B coordinator, 751-3900
  - Kyra Ocker, Special Services Office Manager, 751-3408
  - Child Development Center (for children ages birth to 3 yrs.) 755-2425

## What special education services are offered?

- ❖ **Eligibility Categories:** Autism, Cognitive Delay, Deafness, Deaf-Blindness, Developmental Delay (to age 6 ONLY), Emotional Disturbance, Hearing Impairment, Other Health Impairment (requires medical diagnosis and has to have an impact on student’s learning/ability to access the curriculum) , Orthopedic Impairment, Speech/Language Impairment, Specific Learning Disability (age 6 and up), Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment

\*Most frequently seen in preschool-aged students:

(*Significant*) Developmental Delay, Autism, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Speech/Language Impairment, Deafness/Blindness