# REFERRAL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION - OVERVIEW

**Process**

Once the district receives a written request for evaluation in any form/format, they have 20 school days to review information about the student, including school and medical records and information from parents, and decide whether to evaluate the student for special education eligibility. If the district decides to evaluate, it must obtain written and informed consent from the parent prior to beginning the initial evaluation. See below for a timeline flow chart.

**Timelines for Referral, Initial Evaluation, and Initial Individualized Education Program (IEP)**

