

ENROLMENT CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

ALL PREP ENROLMENTS MUST BE FULL-TIME FOR THE FIRST YEAR
Dual enrolment, if requested, will not be considered until the second year of
schooling.

The following criteria are used by the Resources Coordination Committee to establish eligibility for enrolment in an autism specialist school.

1. **A diagnosis of Autism from a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist.** A written statement providing an explicit diagnosis of autism based on DSM-V-TR criteria from a paediatrician or psychiatrist is required.
2. **A diagnosis of autism by a registered Psychologist.** A written report from a psychologist that assesses for and diagnoses autism per the DSM-V-TR.
3. **A language assessment by a Speech Pathologist. Less than 12 months old.** The findings of the assessment must show a language score of 70 or below (two standard deviations below the mean). The assessment must also include a statement that 'The results of the assessment are consistent with a diagnosis of autism'.
4. **A Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scale III (Comprehensive Teacher Form). Less than 12 months old.** The findings of the assessment must show a composite score of 70 or below (two standard deviations below the mean).

Submitting an Application

If a *provisional* place is available, and providing that all the documentation provided is clearly within the eligibility criteria, Northern School for Autism (NSA) can submit an application to verify that the student is eligible.

Enrolment at NSA will only proceed once the school has received *confirmation* that the student is eligible.

** NSA has a limited number of places they can offer each year; expressions of interest around enrolment are often in excess of this number, therefore NSA will only submit applications for the number of places they have.

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