



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 support from the **Specialist School Enrolment Verification Service (SSEVS)** under the category of **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**.

1. **A diagnosis of Autism from a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist.** A written statement providing an explicit diagnosis of Autism based on DSM-V criteria from a paediatrician or psychiatrist is required.
2. **A diagnosis of autism by a registered Psychologist.** A written report from a psychologist providing a statement of diagnosis of autism based on confirmation from a paediatrician or psychiatrist, as well as a parent and/or teacher interview, direct observation of the student, and including specific reference to a formal diagnostic framework (it is required to reference the DSM-V or ICD-10) with the triad/dyad of impairments noted. **It is preferred to also reference ADI-R, ADOS-2, or CARS.**
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'**. A statement from a registered speech pathologist using an approved language test is required: approved tests are the PLS-5, TELD-4, CELF-P3, CELF-5 (A&NZ), CASL-2, TOLD-P5, TOLD-I5; the most appropriate assessment for the individual student as deemed by the Speech Pathologist.
4. **A Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scale III (Comprehensive Teacher Form). Less than 12 months old.** The findings of the assessment must show **an adaptive behaviour**

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composite score of **70** or below (two standard deviations below the mean). **The assessment must be scored by a psychologist, and the results written in a report signed by the psychologist.**

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 apply to SSEVS.

Enrolment to NSA will only proceed once the school has received *confirmation* that the student is verified for SSEVS funding in the category of Autism.

** 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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