

The Needs Matrix Descriptors

The Needs Matrix is a document intended to be used by evaluation/IEP teams to describe levels of needs for special education students within categories of need and their domain areas. Each of the domains is relative to that domain with increasing needs from left to right. The evaluation/IEP team uses the levels of need contained to describe a student's strengths and needs within an evaluation/IEP as it relates to specially designed instruction, access to the general education and special education settings, accommodations/modifications and level of independence. The "Key" describes, in general, the current program supports from the 2020-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and typical levels of need within the Needs Matrix Student Descriptors.