DIAGNOSTICS

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a diagnostic evaluation, and what does it cover?

A: A diagnostic evaluation is a series of tests, interviews, and questionnaires that help us understand how your child learns, thinks, and functions day to day. The Groves Learning Center's evaluation looks at four main areas: cognition/learning, academics, attention/executive function, and social-emotional well-being.

Q: Who will be working with my child?

A: Your child will be evaluated by a licensed psychologist credentialed through the Minnesota Board of Psychology; many of our psychologists also hold National Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) status. Our team also includes trainees at various stages of doctoral-level clinical training — every evaluation they conduct is closely supervised and co-signed by a licensed psychologist.

Q: How do we get started?

A: Your Family Navigator can answer initial questions and help you schedule. A $50, non-refundable deposit reserves your evaluation date — from there, we'll walk you through the consent paperwork and the steps below.

Q: What does the process look like, step by step?

1. Paperwork: you'll sign an informed consent form and complete intake paperwork. You may also be asked to sign release forms so we can request prior records or input from your child's teachers
2. Clinical interview (about 1 hour, held remotely): you'll talk with the psychologist about your child's background and what to expect.
3. Testing day (typically 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., with breaks and time for lunch): your child completes the assessments. You'll have a chance to briefly check in with the psychologist during the day, and at the end of the day the psychologist will share preliminary results verbally.
4. Feedback session (about 3–4 weeks later): a 60 to 90 minute meeting where the psychologist reviews the full results and recommendations with you and provides the complete written report.

Q: What will we receive at the end of the process?

A: A comprehensive written report covering your child's individual test results, strengths and weaknesses, conclusions, and any diagnoses — along with detailed recommendations, including accommodations and school-based supports to help your child succeed in the classroom.

Q: Will my child receive a diagnosis?

A: When applicable, our psychologists can provide diagnoses based on DSM-5-TR criteria — for example, neurodevelopmental conditions such as ADHD or specific learning disorders including dyslexia, as well as mental health diagnoses such as anxiety or depression. Whatever the results show, our goal is the same: to help you understand your child better and build a clear plan of support going forward.

Q: What is the cost, and how does payment work?

A: The total fee for the evaluation is $3,250, paid in three installments: a $50 non-refundable deposit to schedule your evaluation, a $1,600 payment due before your clinical interview, and a final $1,600 payment due before the feedback session where we review results.

Q: Do you offer a payment plan?

A: We don't offer an extended payment plan beyond this schedule, but you're welcome to split any of these three payments into smaller installments, as long as each is paid in full by its due date.

Q: Is this covered by insurance?

A: Groves does not bill your insurance company directly. At the end of the process, we'll provide a detailed statement you can submit to your insurance or HSA for reimbursement. We're not able to estimate your specific benefits, so please check with your insurance provider directly. For reference, the procedure codes included on the statement are 96136, 96137, 90791, 96130, and 96131.

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