

Child Find Procedures for Laurens County Schools

Child Find is the school system's attempt to locate any children (3-21) who are suspected of having a disability. Special education and/or related services may be recommended if a disability interferes with a child's learning. Speech/Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy are some of the related services that may be offered.

When should a child be referred to Child Find?

- If there are birth complications or a medical condition that interferes with development and/or learning
- If a child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that interfere with his/her ability to learn
- If a child appears to learn more slowly than children his/her own age
- If a child has speech that cannot be understood by others
- If a child has difficulty seeing or hearing

Who may refer children?

- Parents/legal guardians
- Other family members
- School personnel
- Physicians
- Child care providers
- Community agencies
- Infants & Toddlers Program

What is special education?

Special education is "specialized instruction" provided for students (3-21) who are determined to have a specific disability as defined by Public Law 94-142 and amended by the 1997 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It may be provided by one or several special teacher(s). Also, related specialists will sometimes assist delivering services for a child.

Who do I contact?

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