

Jeff Davis School System

Hazlehurst, GA

Child Find Procedures



Jeff Davis County
Schools

Preparing Lifelong Learners



Child Find Notice

In accordance with IDEA regulations, the Jeff Davis County School System seeks to ensure that all disabled students (ages birth – 21) who are in need of special education within its jurisdiction are identified, located, and evaluated including those attending private school and home school. Final identification of students with disabilities and programming for such students occurs only after an appropriate evaluation and a determination by a Multidisciplinary Placement Team.

If the "child find" process indicates that a student may require special education and supportive services in order to benefit from regular education, the student shall be referred to the Multidisciplinary Placement Team to determine the student's eligibility for special education services.

If you know a child with a disability who is not being served, please notify:

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Screening and Evaluation of All Children with Suspected Disability Ages Birth - 21

The following policies and procedures are followed to ensure the identification, screening, and evaluation of children with suspected disabilities birth through age 21 includes:

Children birth through age three

When a child who is birth through age three suspected of having disabilities is identified through any child find activities (e.g. parent-teacher conference, community referral, parent mentor activities, migrant program), the Special Education Director should be notified so that an appropriate referral may be made to **Babies Can't Wait** for screening and evaluation. Additionally, Jeff Davis County Special Education Preschool Intervention Teacher(s) will participant in **Babies Can't Wait** Transition Meetings to ensure a special education evaluation, eligibility, and IEP are in place by the child's third birthday.

Preschool children, ages 3-5

The following activities shall be conducted to identify preschool children ages 3-5 suspected as having disabilities:

Jeff Davis County Pre-Kindergarten Program will participate in Response to Intervention as part of Jeff Davis County Schools.

Written notices are provided in the community to include private preschools, daycares, the Jeff Davis County Health Dept., and physician offices.

Children enrolled in Jeff Davis County Schools

Children currently enrolled in Jeff Davis County Schools will be identified through Response to Intervention and parent referral.

Highly mobile children, including migrant children

Jeff Davis County Schools Migrant Program and the Migrant Student Service Providers will refer any child who is suspected of having a disability to the Special Education Director or the School Psychologist.

Children who are detained or incarcerated in jails or correctional facilities

Child-Find brochures will be given to the facility with appropriate contact information so that any child suspected of having a disability can be referred to the Special Education Director or the School Psychologist.

Parentally-placed private school children, including religious, elementary and secondary schools, or home school/ study programs

Screening and evaluations are provided for any child parentally-placed in a private school or receiving home school who is suspected as having a disability.

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(aligned with State Rule 160-4-7-.0.3)

Child Find is a process that Jeff Davis County Schools uses to identify, locate, and evaluate all children in the district, birth through 21, who are suspected of having disabilities, including those who are homeless, are wards of the State, or are attending private schools, regardless of the severity, and who are in need for special education services and related services.



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