

## **CHILD FIND POLICY**

Child find is the process of identifying, locating, and evaluating children who may have a disability and have significant, individual needs that may require special education and related services. Through child find, the school seeks to identify all children from children ages birth to 21 who may need special education services, regardless of their situations.

A child with a disability may have one or more of the following impairments or disabling conditions: intellectual disability (cognitive disability, hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment, speech or language impairment, orthopedic impairment, autism, severe emotional disturbance, traumatic brain injury, or other health impairments or specific learning disabilities.

Every parent, relative, childcare provider, physician, public and private agency employee, or concerned citizen is encouraged to notify the school district of any child ages birth to 21 who may have a disability and require special education or related services. If you suspect that a child may have a disability, please contact the school.

The School supports and complies with all applicable federal and state laws, procedures and policies regarding the School's child find responsibilities. The School will conduct all child find activities for students who are enrolled in the School (its geographical area) so that they are appropriately located, identified and referred for evaluation. Parents or guardians have the right to review their child's records and refuse permission to release information (except as required by, or permitted by, law to be released).

Pursuant to Ohio law, the School is required to perform the same child find duties as city, local, exempted village school districts, and will endeavor to adhere to its responsibilities in a manner that does not duplicate the duties of the city, local, or exempted village school districts.