

Verden Public School

Child Find

What is Child Find? Child Find is the process of identifying, locating, and evaluating children who may be in need of special education and related services.

Why is there Child Find? Both state and local education agencies are given responsibility by federal and state laws to conduct child find activities so that children who need special education services have the opportunity to receive those services.

What is the purpose of Child Find?

To promote public awareness of disabilities.

To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs.

To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention.

To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services needed.

What does a disability mean? For Birth to 3, an established condition known to result in delay, or a documented developmental delay. For ages 3 through 5, a documented deficit in one or more of the following areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills. For ages 5 through 21, identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness. If you know a child who may have special needs, help is available. Contact the following.

Who can help? Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help Verden Schools find any child, age birth to 21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify Verden Public Schools Director of Special Services at 405-453-7247.

What happens next? Verden Public School's Director of Special Services will contact the parents of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

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