



Private School Students

In compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004, a student who is parentally-placed in a private, parochial or home school within the boundaries of the Rockford School district #205, is eligible for consideration for a special education evaluation and services. As required in IDEA 2004, each public school district must utilize a portion of its Federal Part B special education funds (often referred as Proportionate Share) in order to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to equitably participate in special education and services offered by the district.

Evaluation

If you feel your child should be evaluated for special education, please contact your student's teacher and the principal of the private school.

The private school will contact the Private and Parochial Department within the district with the request for an evaluation. The District is legally obligated to consider and respond to each evaluation request, however, the district does not automatically grant all evaluation requests. The team will consider the existing data and information from both parents and teachers, and based on that information will determine if an evaluation is appropriate.

If you homeschool your student, the evaluation request should go to your child's zoned school. The zoned school will be responsible for completing the evaluation.

Services

The Rockford School District does not provide a full range of services to students attending private/parochial schools or home-schools as they do for students in public schools. The District meets annually with local participating private/parochial schools and home-schooling parents to discuss the types of services that will be provided by the District under Proportionate Share. Historically, administrators and parents from private schools have chosen to have these funds be expended to provide some level of direct speech-language services. In addition, consultative services may be offered to the private school teachers and or parents of home-schooled students. Services are the same for all students in private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability.

Should you wish to access a greater level of support for your child (as recommended by the educational team completing the evaluation), you may choose to enroll your child in their zoned school in order to receive the full range of services.