

Cherokee County Special Education SSA

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Alto ISD

Rusk ISD, Fiscal Agent

New Summerfield ISD

Wells ISD

Child Find

Each district is responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating children from birth through age 21, with known or suspected disabilities, who reside in and/or attend school within the school district's boundaries to determine whether a need for special education services exists. Child Find includes children who attend private or home schools within the district's boundaries.

Everyone in the community who is concerned with the welfare of children may participate in the Child Find process. Cherokee County Special Education Shared Services Arrangement office accepts referrals for children who may have a disability for Alto ISD, New Summerfield ISD, Rusk ISD, and Wells ISD. If assessment is recommended, the assessment is provided at no cost to the parent. A referral for a special education evaluation may be made by a parent or by any person concerned about the child. Parent involvement and agreement is obtained prior to any further action. Information is confidential, and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

If you are concerned that a child you know may have a disability and may need specialized instruction, please contact your District Campus Administrator or you may contact Cherokee County SSA at 903-683-4466.

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