## Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

**Child Find**
The Lyon County School D*istrict* keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Lyon County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Lyon Count *School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request five (5) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Lyon County *School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The Lyon County *School District* has an ongoing *"Child Find"* system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Lyon County *School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Lyon County *School District* find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Lyon County *School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Lyon County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call (270) 388-9715 or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education**
**Lyon County Schools**
**217 Jenkins Road**
**Eddyville, KY 42038**
**Ph. (270) 388-9715**

**Section 504 Coordinator**
**Lyon County Schools**
**217 Jenkins Road**
**Eddyville, KY 42038**
**Ph. (270)388-9715**

*"Child Find"* activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Lyon County *School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through *"Child Find"* is maintained confidentially.

Written *Policies and Procedures* have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and *"Child Find"* activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these *Policies and Procedures* may be obtained by contacting:

**Director of Pupil Personnel**
**Lyon County Schools**
**217 Jenkins Road**
**Eddyville, KY 42038**
**Ph. (270)388-9715**

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Lyon County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel,* the *Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator* at the address or phone number listed above for the Lyon County Schools.

## Directory Information

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is authorized to release Board approved directory information.

Approved directory information shall be: student names and addresses, telephone numbers, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent educational institution attended by student.

Any eligible student, parent, or guardian who does not wish to have directory information released shall notify the Superintendent in writing on or before September 30 of each school year or within 30 days of distribution of the Student Directory Information Notification form which allows parents to so notify the school district.