

Appling County Child Find Contacts

Public School System (Age 3+)

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Child Find Procedures

(aligned with State Rule 160-4-7-.03)

Child Find is a process that Appling County Schools uses to identify, locate, and evaluate all children in the district, birth through 21, who are suspected of having disabilities, including those who are homeless, are wards of the State or are attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education/504 or related services.



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Child Find Notice

In accordance with IDEA regulations, the Appling County School system seeks to ensure that all disabled students (ages birth-21) who are in need of special education, or Section 504 services within its jurisdiction are identified, located, and evaluated, including those attending private school and home school. Final identification of students with disabilities and programming for such students occurs only after an appropriate evaluation and a determination by a Multidisciplinary Placement Team.

If the "child find" process indicates that a student may require special education/504 and supportive services in order to benefit from regular education, the student shall be referred to the Multidisciplinary Placement Team to determine the student's eligibility for special education services/504.

If you know a child with a disability that is not being served, please notify the appropriate contact listed in this brochure.

Screening and Evaluation of All Children with Suspected Disability Ages Birth -21

The following policies and procedures are followed to ensure the identification, screening and evaluation of children with suspected disabilities birth through age 21 includes:

Children birth through age three:

When a child who is birth through age three suspected of having disabilities is identified through any child find activities (e.g. parent-teacher conference, community referral, parent mentor activities, migrant program), the Special Education Director should be notified so that an appropriate referral may be made to Babies Can't Wait for screening and evaluation. Additionally, Appling County Special Education Preschool Intervention Teacher(s) will participate in Babies Can't Wait Transition meetings to ensure a special education evaluation, eligibility, and IEP are in place by the child's third birthday.

Preschool children, ages 3-5:

The following activities shall be conducted to identify preschool children ages 3-5 suspected as having disabilities:

Appling County School Pre-Kindergarten Program (Bright from the Start) will participate in Response to Intervention as part of Appling County Schools.

Written notices in the form of this brochure are provided in the community to include: private preschools, Appling County Health Department, local physician offices, etc....



Children enrolled in Appling County Schools:

Children currently enrolled in Appling County School will be identified through Response to Intervention, 504 and parent referral. Written notification is provided on the district website as well as in the student handbook.

Highly mobile children, including migrant children:

Appling County Schools Migrant Program and the Migrant Student Service Providers will refer any child who is suspected of having a disability to the Special Education Director.

Children who are detained or incarcerated in jails or correctional facilities:

Child-Find brochures will be given to the facility with appropriate contact information so that any child suspected of having a disability can be referred to the Special Education Director.

Parentally-placed private school children, including religious, elementary and secondary schools, or home school/study programs:

Written notification is provided on the district website and to the local newspaper once annually. Screening and evaluations are provided for any child parentally-placed in a private school or receiving home school who is suspected as having a disability. Additionally, Appling County Schools works in coordination with the Georgia Baptist Children's Home (GBCH) through the GBCH staff to identify students having or suspected of having disabilities.