



The Parent Support and Information Center is a part of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) Office of Programs for Exceptional Children. The center serves all VBCPS families, staff, outside agencies and the community, placing an emphasis on the needs of students with disabilities. The Parent Support and Information Center offers resources for parents/legal guardians and school staff that encourage positive parent-school partnerships to increase educational opportunities and success for all students.

### **Office of Programs for Exceptional Children**

Plaza Annex - FACE Center  
641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

### **Parent Support and Information Center Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Additional hours by appointment*

For your convenience, please call the Parent Support and Information Center before visiting. Occasionally the office is closed for training and workshops.

Phone: (757) 263-2066  
Fax: (757) 263-2067

[VISIT THE CENTER'S WEBPAGE](https://www.vbschools.com/parents/psic)

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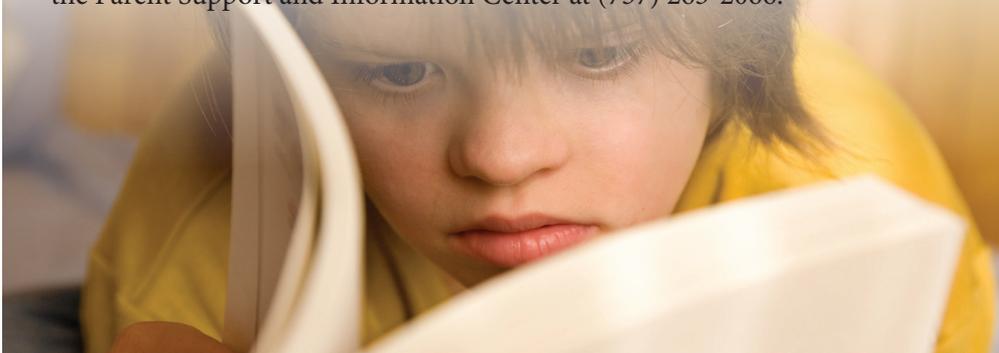
# Objectives

The objectives of the Parent Support and Information Center are to:

- Ensure effective communication between parents/legal guardians and school personnel for the benefit of students with disabilities;
- Clarify the role of parents, as well as educators, related to special education services;
- Serve as a resource for disability related referrals;
- Provide services that will strengthen the bond between home, school and the community; and
- Foster a rapport between the families of students with disabilities and their schools.

## *Child Find Services*

Each local school division is responsible for providing a *Child Find* program that helps to identify children, ages 2 through 21 years old, residing in its jurisdiction who may qualify for special education services. For preschool children (ages 2-5 years), VBCPS provides screening through the Preschool Assessment Center (PAC) located at the Plaza Annex-FACE Center. Parents/legal guardians who feel their child's cognitive, fine and gross motor, self-help, social or speech skills may be significantly delayed may call the PAC at (757) 263-2800 for an appointment to meet with the center's interdisciplinary team. If your child is currently attending school, please contact his/her assistant principal to discuss a referral for special education services. If you would like more information about the *Child Find* program please contact the Parent Support and Information Center at (757) 263-2066.



# Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

The school division's special education and preschool programs are provided free of charge, and their services and resources are designed to assist and support individuals with a variety of disabilities. Disability categories include:

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disability
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment including Blindness

If a student is found eligible to receive special education services, an individualized education program (IEP) is written to outline the specially designed instruction, related services, and supplemental aids and services necessary to meet the student's educational needs. The parent/legal guardian is a member of the committee that writes the IEP, and his/her involvement in the development process is welcome and encouraged.



## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Virginia Beach  
City Public Schools  
[www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com)

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Virginia Department  
of Education (VDOE)  
[www.doe.virginia.gov](http://www.doe.virginia.gov)

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VDOE Special Education  
Resources  
[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special\\_ed/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/index.shtml)

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VDOE Self Determination  
Project *I'm Determined*  
[www.imdetermined.org](http://www.imdetermined.org)

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Virginia Beach Department  
of Human Services  
[www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-services](http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-services)

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Virginia Board for People  
with Disabilities  
[www.vaboard.org](http://www.vaboard.org)

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Independence Center  
[www.independence.org](http://www.independence.org)

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Center on Transition  
Innovations  
[www.centerontransition.org](http://www.centerontransition.org)

## Please contact the Parent Support and Information Center to receive more information about the following:

- Advocating for your student
- Child Find services
- Community resources
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) planning
- Parental rights pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004)
- Parent support groups and networking
- Preschool Assessment Center (PAC)
- Preschool programs
- Special education process
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- Summer camps and activities
- Transitioning from school to adulthood
- Training and workshops

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For further information, please call the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at (757) 263-2400.

### Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

Virginia Beach City Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation/gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, marital status, age, genetic information or military status in its programs and activities, employment, or enrollment and provides equal access to the Boy or Girl Scouts and other designated youth groups. School Board policies and regulations (including but not limited to, Policies 2-33, 4-4, 5-4, 5-7, 5-19, 5-20, 5-44, 6-7, 6-33, 7-48, 7-49, 7-57 and Regulations 2-33.1, 4-4.1, 4-4.2, 4-4.3, 5-7.1, 5-44.1, 7-11.1 and 7-57.1) provide equal access to courses, programs, enrollment, counseling services, physical education and athletic, vocational education, instructional materials, extracurricular activities, and employment.

Title IX Notice: Complaints or concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual harassment should be addressed to the Title IX Coordinator, at the VBCPS Office of Student Leadership, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, 23452, (757) 263-2020, [Robin.Reese@vbschools.com](mailto:Robin.Reese@vbschools.com) (student complaints) or the VBCPS Department of School Leadership, 2512 George Mason Drive, Municipal Center, Building 6, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456, (757) 263-1088, [Robert.Wnukowski@vbschools.com](mailto:Robert.Wnukowski@vbschools.com) (employee complaints). Additional information regarding Virginia Beach City Public Schools' policies regarding discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual harassment, as well as the procedures for filing a formal complaint and related grievance processes, can be found in School Board Policy 5-44 and School Board Regulations 5-44.1 (students), School Board Policy 4-4 and School Board Regulation 4-4.3 (employees) and on the School Division's website at Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Title IX. Concerns about the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be addressed to the Section 504 Coordinator/Executive Director of Student Support Services at (757) 263-1980, 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23456 or the Section 504 Coordinator at the student's school. For students who are eligible or suspected of being eligible for special education or related services under IDEA, please contact the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at (757) 263-2400, Plaza Annex/Family and Community Engagement Center, 641 Carriage Hill Road, Suite 200, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

The School Division is committed to providing educational environments that are free of discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Students, staff, parents/legal guardians who have concerns about discrimination, harassment, or bullying should contact the school administration at their school. Promptly reporting concerns will allow the school to take appropriate actions to investigate and resolve issues. School Board Policy 5-7 addresses non-discrimination and anti-harassment, Policy 5-44 addresses sexual harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender. Policy 5-36 and its supporting regulations address other forms of harassment.

Alternative formats of this publication which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, 2512 George Mason Drive, P.O. Box 6038, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0038. Telephone 263-2400 (voice); 263-2067 fax; 263-1240 (TDD) or email [Jill.Robinson2@vbschools.com](mailto:Jill.Robinson2@vbschools.com).

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