

CHILD FIND

Public Law 101 charges all school districts with a basic commitment to educate all children with disabilities in a "least restrictive environment". The Northwest Areas Services Cooperative provides a school psychologist, speech therapists, and physical and occupational therapists and the Dupree School District employs special education teachers to help determine and meet the needs of children with disabilities. Students whose special handicaps that cannot be adequately taken care of in the Dupree School system are enrolled outside the district where proper facilities and instructors are available.

In order to discover the child, the Dupree District must have the cooperation of parents, instructors, counselors, health organizations and other community organizations. Through the efforts of all, Elk Point-Jefferson School District can then identify and provide the necessary service to give children with disabilities the best possible educational opportunity. This may take the form of special placement, but all must keep in mind that the child must be placed in the "least restrictive environment".

To implement this, the Dupree School District must have input from parents, instructors, and others concerned with the education of children under the age of 21.

If you have or know of a child in need of special services or assistance, please contact Special Education Director, Amanda Bowker at 605-356-5140. Observation, testing and other evaluative procedures will then be employed. Every effort will be made to help the child's needs.