



Mountain Education

"The first choice for a second chance to build a better future through education."

Child Find at Mountain Education

What is Child Find?

The federal purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children, from birth to 21, who are suspected of or have a disability or developmental delay that may result in a need for special education and related services. Mountain Education serves children with identified special education needs from 9th - 12th grades and will participate in the Child Find process. Children from birth through age 13 will be referred to local schools serving birth through eighth grade.

How is it carried out?

Mountain Education completes Child Find responsibilities in a variety of ways throughout the year. This includes public announcements through local media via public notice, school website, parent/student handbook, collaboration with other public agencies, and local screenings. Referrals may be made by anyone who has a concern about a child's development. All referrals are considered confidential and the parent retains the right to refuse services.

Private and HomeSchool Process:

Children with disabilities parentally-placed in private schools or home schools are not entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE), but the local districts will provide appropriate services to eligible students with disabilities enrolled in private or home schools based on a proportionate share of federal funds.

Parent/Other Referral Process:

If you suspect your child (or another) has a disability and is in need of special education services, please contact the principal at the nearest Mountain Education campus or the Mountain Education Central Office at 706-219-4664. This includes students that are homeless, incarcerated, wards of the state, migrant, or any other child suspected of having disabilities.

Eligible Special Education Categories:

Autism Spectrum Disorder (AUT), Deaf-Blind (D/B), Deaf/Hard of Hearing(D/HH), Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD), Mild/Moderate/Severe/Profound Intellectual Disability (MILD, MOID, SID, PID), Orthopedic Impairment (OI), Other Health Impairment (OHI), Significant Development Delay (SDD), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), Speech Language Impairment (SLI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Visual Impairment, including Blindness(VI).

Mtn. Education Child Find Policy/GaDOE State Rule: Child Find 160-4-7-.03

Mountain Education Charter High School
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