

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grenada School District is participating in an ongoing effort to identify, locate and evaluate children birth through twenty-one years of age who may have disabilities and need early intervention, special education, and/or related services. Child find is an ongoing process of public awareness activities and evaluations to ensure children with special needs can receive the help they need to succeed as early as possible.

Anyone concerned about a child's speech, learning, behavior, or development can make a Child Find request. A multidisciplinary evaluation team will meet with the family within 14 days to decide if an evaluation is needed. If so, written permission from the child's parent is required before an evaluation is conducted.

A multidisciplinary evaluation is individualized to the child's needs. The valuation could involve a series of observations and tests with the child and interviews with parents, teachers, and/or caregivers. Evaluations for special education and/or related services will be conducted by two or more specialists such as a speech language pathologist, psychometrist, school psychologist, or special educator. A written summary of this evaluation will be provided to the family and a meeting will be held to determine if the child needs special education and/or related services.

For children birth through two years of age, contact the Grenada County Health Department. For a child three to twenty-one years of age, contact

Aletha Simpson,

Director of Special Education, by phone at 622-226-3045

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or Post Office Box 1940; Grenada, MS 38902.

Information received through the Child Find process is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.