



What is Child Find?

Child Find is a legal requirement that schools find all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services.

Child Find Covers every child from birth through age 21.

The school must evaluate any child that it knows or suspects may have a disability.



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Child Find Procedures

A System to Support Children



Johnson County's Responsibility

The Johnson County Board of Education Department of Special Education offers free psychological evaluations for students suspected of having developmental delays.

What Are The Steps of Child Find?

1. Local educational agencies are expected to locate, identify, and evaluate all children suspected of having a disability. The Johnson County Child Find Department publishes annual notice regarding general Child Find information, its services, and contact information.
2. When a child has been identified as potential having a disability, the referring party completes a Johnson County Child Find referral packet. This consists of the referral form, social and developmental history form, necessary documents for enrollment, and other pertinent documentation.
3. When the referral is received, a screening is conducted to ascertain the student's developmental levels in five areas of development: socialization, adaptive skills, and motor skills.
4. Analysis of the results of the screening leads to one of three possible outcomes:
 - a. No delays are noted in the screening and the referral is closed.
 - b. Significant delays are noted and further evaluations are conducted.
 - c. Delays are noted in the screening and Child Find personnel devise strategies and interventions for use in remediating the weaknesses.
5. Evaluations from the school psychologist and/or speech-language pathologist will occur.
6. An eligibility meeting is then scheduled in which results are discussed and the team determines if the child meets requirements to be eligible.
7. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is written based on the child's needs if the child is eligible for services.
8. Services for preschool special education in Johnson County are provided through the continuum based on the child's least restrictive environment. The environments include: consultative services, collaborative services, collaborative approaches with outside agencies, or through direct services in school.