

## When should a child be referred to Child Find?



A child should be referred when any of the following is observed:

- A health or medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning.
- A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like others that are his/her age.
- A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing.
- A child's speech is not understandable to family or friends.
- A child appears to have social, emotional, or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn.
- A child has difficulty with reading, math, or other school subjects.
- A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child's ability to learn.

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# Child Find

## What is child find?

Child find refers to the policies and procedures in each state that ensure that all children with disabilities, birth through age 21, who live in the state and are in need of special education and related services or early intervention services are identified, located, and evaluated.



## Child Find for Preschool Students Ages 3 – 5-year-old

The CCSD's Preschool Special Needs Assessment Department provides comprehensive evaluation services for any child ages three to five who is experiencing significant difficulties or delays in development, whether physical, mental or emotional.

This department also conducts comprehensive evaluations for children who have been receiving early intervention services through Babies Can't Wait (BCW) and are approaching 3 years of age at which point BCW services will end.

Areas of concern can include difficulties in developing speech and language skills, thinking skills, adaptive skills, motor skills, and social/emotional skills. A play-based assessment will be conducted to determine if a student qualifies for the Preschool Special Needs Program.

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**Child Find responsibilities extend to all children suspected of having disabilities, regardless of the severity, including, but not limited to:**

- Children enrolled in the Babies Can't Wait early intervention program (Ages 0 to 3).
- Preschool children, ages 3 through 5, who may not be enrolled in a Georgia-funded pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, including children who are parentally placed in private preschools or daycare centers outside the district.
- Children who are enrolled in a public school within the district. Please contact the school's Special Education Administrator.
- Children who are parentally placed in private (including religious, elementary and secondary schools) and home schools located within the district's jurisdiction.
- Highly mobile children, including migrant, homeless, and children who are wards of the state.
- Children attending community programs such as rehabilitation centers, daycare centers, etc.
- Children, ages 18 through 21, who are incarcerated in facilities operated by the local sheriff's Department or other municipalities.
- Any other children suspected of having disabilities.
- Screening to determine appropriate educational strategies is not considered an evaluation.



## Child Find for Private/Home School Students

CCSD also has a Child Find responsibility for all students attending private schools located in Cherokee County, regardless of the county of residence as well as homeschooled students who reside in Cherokee County. All eligible students with disabilities (SWD) who are parentally placed in a private school within Cherokee County and all eligible SWDs who are homeschooled may receive services from the CCSD based upon Proportionate Share guidelines.

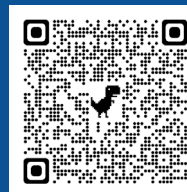
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