

GENERAL PROCEDURES

Groton Public Schools use the following procedures to notify its community of the District's services and programs in our Child Find efforts:

- ◆ Postings on Groton Public Schools Access Television Channel 19
- ◆ Advertisements in local newspapers and school newsletters
- ◆ Postings on District website
- ◆ Communication with local and statewide agencies and groups including:
 - Department of Children and Families
 - State of CT Birth-to-Three Services
 - Groton Youth and Family Services
 - Fleet and Family Support Center
 - Naval Submarine Base Medical Center
 - Pequot Health Center
 - Local Nursery Schools and Daycare Centers

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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CHILD FIND



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WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

The identification, location, and evaluation of each child with a disability residing in the Town of Groton.

WHAT GROUPS OF CHILDREN MUST SPECIFICALLY BE FOUND?

Any child residing within the district who is suspected of having disabilities including children who are:

Preschool Age:

Age three to five years

(Birth-to-three year children are located and identified by the State of CT Birth-to-Three System)

Private School Attendees:

Children enrolled by their parents in private or parochial schools within the Groton Public School District.

Highly Mobile

Homeless

Migrant of Immigrant Families

PRESCHOOL

Our seven Integrated Preschool Special Needs Classes include a certified special education teacher, a speech and language pathologist, a school psychologist, and two instructional assistants.

In addition to the general procedures, children are referred for screening and/or assessment to determine eligibility for the Integrated Preschool Special Needs Classes by:

- ◆ Transition from the Birth-to-Three System
- ◆ Brochures sent to local doctor's offices, WIC Office, and Head Start
- ◆ Brochures posted in District Schools, Town Hall, Town Nursing Office, Public Libraries, Parks and Recreation Office, and Local Nursery Schools and Daycare Centers

Screenings and/or assessments for preschool age children are provided free of charge on an ongoing basis by the Early Childhood Assessment Team located at the former Mary Morrison Elementary School, 154 Tollgate Road, Groton, CT 06340. Call (860) 235-1725 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Groton has an obligation to identify, locate, and evaluate any child suspected of having a disability who is enrolled by their parent in a private or parochial school within the District.

Groton's Special Education and Pupil Services staff utilize the following procedures:

- ◆ Notices sent yearly for identification of children suspected of having disabilities
- ◆ Consultation and collaboration with parents and teachers who have concerns about a child
- ◆ Observations, recommendations, and intervention planning
- ◆ Individual evaluations and identification of children suspected of having disabilities