Georgia Cyber Academy Child Find

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What is Child Find?

According to Georgia Rule 160-7-03, for children ages 3 through 21, the local education agencies (LEAs) in Georgia are responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children within the LEA's jurisdiction who are suspected of having disabilities that may result in a need for special education and related services.

Students should be referred if:

- A health or medical condition interferes with the development and/or learning of the student
- The student has difficulty understanding directions
- The student has difficulty seeing or hearing
- The child's speech is not understandable to family or friends
- The child appears to have social, emotional, or behavioral difficulties that affect learning
- The child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child's ability to learn

Disability Categories

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deafblind
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Emotional and Behavioral Disorder
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Other Health Impairment
- Significant Developmental Delay
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech/Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

GCA Child Find Activities

Georgia Cyber Academy completes Child Find responsibilities in a variety of ways. These methods include public announcements through social media, collaboration with private and home-school representatives, collaboration with other public agencies such as the Divisions of Mental Health, Family and Children's Services, and Community Health, parent requests, and our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process in each grade band.

How Can Children Be Referred?

All referrals are considered confidential and guardians retain the right to refuse services. Referrals may be submitted by:

- Legal Guardians
- Family Members
- Physicians/Health Care Providers
- Preschool Programs
- School Staff
- Community Agencies
- Anyone Concerned about a Child's Development