



Cleveland School District

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The Cleveland School District is committed to ensuring that all children, including those with disabilities, have the opportunity to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). We are conducting a Child Find process to identify, locate, and evaluate children who may have disabilities, so that we can provide them with the services and support they need.

This notice is to inform parents and guardians of children between the ages of 3 and 21 who may have disabilities and may require special education and related services under IDEA. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, conditions such as autism, speech or language impairments, learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, hearing impairments, visual impairments, orthopedic impairments, traumatic brain injuries, and other health impairments.

If you believe your child may have a disability or is in need of special education services, we encourage you to contact us to request a referral for evaluation. This process is designed to ensure that all children, including those who are homeschooled, in private schools, or in other educational settings, are properly identified and provided with the necessary services to support their educational needs.

To request an evaluation, or for more information about the Child Find process, please contact the Special Education Director. Additionally, if your child is already enrolled in our district and you suspect they may have a disability, please reach out to your child's building principal for assistance.

What to Expect After You Contact Us:

Once a referral for evaluation is made, the school district will review the information and determine if further evaluation is needed. If an evaluation is warranted, you will be contacted to obtain your consent. After the evaluation is completed, the school district will meet with you to discuss the results and determine appropriate services and supports.

Import Reminder:

This notice is to ensure that all children are given equal access to the services available under IDEA. If your child is identified as needing special education services, they will be provided with an individualized education program (IEP) tailored to their needs.