Rights of Home-Schooled Students to Special Education Services
MCS Child Find Initiative for Students 6-21 years

Students who are home schooled are entitled to the same services, including evaluations, as children who are placed in private schools by their parents. This summary of special education rights for your homeschooled student serves as a Child Find initiative to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in a homeschool and/or private school program within the school district served by the Local Education Agency (LEA)- Maryville City Schools.

Once a student has been found eligible under IDEA for a disability, services are provided via a "services plan." Generally, services in these plans are some type of related service, such as speech therapy. Services are determined by the LEA upon consultation with parents and/or representatives of private schools. The parents should contact the LEA where the student resides or the student is schooled, for complete information (see contact info below).

Maryville City Schools receive an annual federal allocation under the IDEA program. To meet the requirements of IDEA, the school district must expend a proportionate share of federal IDEA funds on equitable services for parentally placed private school children with disabilities. Ongoing documentation to TN Department of Education ensures LEAs provide parents with information regarding student rights (*) to special education, made possible with allocations derived from the IDEA funding model.

For additional information related to Special Education Services and/or IDEA, please contact:

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* Signatures obtained upon completion of intake paperwork for homeschool/private school programs attests to parent/guardian receipt of this documentation.