

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



Look at the Week Ahead FOR PreK-3rd Grade Parents

Monday, September 7:

- Happy Labor Day! NO SCHOOL!!

Tuesday, September 8:

- Walking Field Trip: UWA Volleyball Game in Pruitt Gym @ 1:00 pm
- HOME Volleyball Game vs. Linden and Breakthrough @ 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm
- UCS Board Regular Meeting: Second Public Budget Hearing in UCS Smith Cafeteria @ 5:30 pm
- AWAY Jr. High Football Game vs. Sweet Water @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9:

- Pre-K Dental Screenings @ 10:00 am
- Student Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Auditorium
 - Boys Tumble @ 1:00-1:30
 - ALL Girls @ 1:30-2:30

Thursday, September 10:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Gibson! UCS is so thankful for you!!

Friday, September 11:

- Grandparents Day: Teas and Tales in UCS Lyon Cafeteria
- AWAY Football Game vs. Keith @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 12:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ozmint! UCS loves you!!

UNIVERSITY

— CHARTER SCHOOL —

Every Day Counts.

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



BETTER LEARNING

Students are present for important instruction and activities.



HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

Good attendance leads to better grades and test scores.



STRONGER HABITS

Showing up every day builds responsibility and life skills.



BRIGHTER FUTURE

Attendance today opens doors to opportunities tomorrow.

WHAT ABSENCES CAN LOOK LIKE



EXCUSED ABSENCES

Illness, medical appointments, family emergencies



VACATIONS

Family trips should be planned during school breaks



TARDIES

Arriving late means missing valuable instruction



EARLY DISMISSALS

Leaving early adds up to missed learning time



UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Skipping school impacts grades, habits, and opportunities

DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just
10%
of school
(about 18 days)
can make it harder
for students to succeed.



That's nearly 1 month
of learning missed!



**BE PRESENT.
BE ON TIME.
BE YOUR BEST.**

Every day you're here
is a step toward success!



**BE PRESENT.
EVERY DAY.
ALL DAY.**

Students must be present every day during the week to earn incentives for that week!



**YOUR FUTURE
STARTS WITH
SHOWING UP!**

Every Day Counts.

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Every Day Counts.

SUCCESS STARTS WITH SHOWING UP!

BE HERE. BE ON TIME. BE YOUR BEST.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
7TH

Thanks for
CHIPPIN IN
on Attendance!



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
14TH

Donut
MISS SCHOOL



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
21ST

JEAN-IUS
Attendance



WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER
28TH

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AVERAGE Attendance



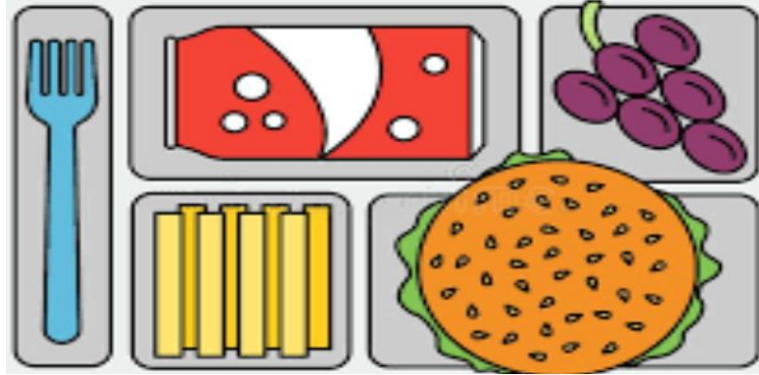
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UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch

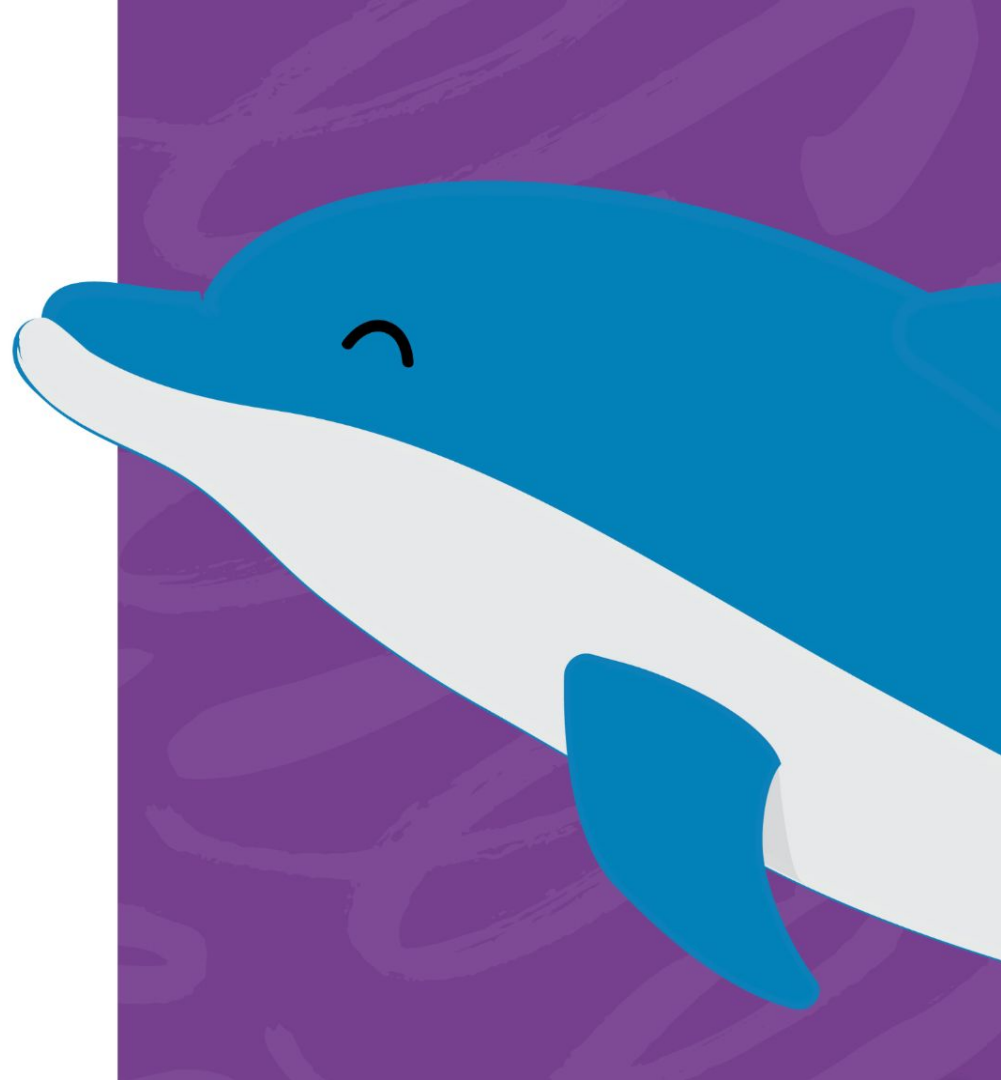


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SEPTEMBER 2026 | DOLPHIN

FRIENDSHIP

Using your words and actions
to show others you care



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Friendship SEPTEMBER 2026

SAY IT:

Friendship: Using your words and actions to show others you care

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Has there ever been a time when a friend let you down? Explain.
- Share a story of a time you were a good friend to someone who was in a difficult situation.

ASK A KID:

- What are some things that your best friend does to make you feel special?
- Who are some grownups you know that are good friends?

SEE IT:

Discuss the movie *Toy Story* as a family (the theme song "You've Got a Friend in Me" says it all). Specifically talk about how Woody and Buzz look past their differences and make an effort to say or do something nice to show that they care.

BE IT:

A couple nights each school week, ask your child(ren) how he/she was a good friend to someone at school that day. Examples might be:

- Making an effort to welcome a new student and show them around the school
- Defending a classmate when they are being treated unfairly
- Letting an adult know when a student needs help and is in trouble
- Sharing a snack with someone who didn't bring anything



PHASE Friendship SEPTEMBER 2026

At every age, kids need significant relationships.

The significant relationships in a child's life include parents, teachers, relatives, coaches, and spiritual leaders.

As a parent, you can encourage these relationships as a way to ensure that other trusted adults are surrounding your kids with the same messages and advice that you would.

So don't miss it. This year, this month, today is just a Phase!

UCS Volleyball 2026

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Aug 20	@ Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 21	@ Breakthrough JV: 5:30 / V: 6:30
Aug 27	Millry JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 24	@Millry Varsity: 4:00 vs. Wash Co 5:00
Aug 29	Varsity Tourny @ Demopolis		
Aug 31	@ Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 28	Sipse JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00 SENIOR NIGHT
Sept 1	Demopolis JV: 4:00 / V: 5:00	Sept 29	@ Linden Varsity: 5:00pm
Sept 3	RC Hatch Varsity: 5:00	Oct 6	Varsity TriMatch @ South Lamar 4:00 vs South Lamar 5:00 vs. Hillcrest
Sept 8	V vs. Linden 5:00 V vs. Breakthrough 6:15		
Sept 14	@ Pickens Varsity: 5pm	Oct 8	Varsity TriMatch @ ACA vs. ACA 4:30 vs. Brookwood 5:30
Sept 15	@ RC Hatch Varsity: 5pm	TBD	Area Tournament

Home Games

Away Games

2026 UCS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



@ HUBBERTVILLE 8/21



@ GREENSBORO 8/28



SWEET WATER 9/4



@ KEITH 9/11



FRANCIS MARION 9/18



ELLWOOD CHRISTIAN 9/25



@ RC HATCH 10/2



LINDEN 10/9



BREAKTHROUGH 10/16



JF SHIELDS 10/23

PLAYOFFS START
11/6

All Games are 7 pm Kickoff

2026 UCS JR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



HOLY SPIRIT 8/31



@ SWEET WATER 9/8



@ PICKENS ACADEMY 9/14



SWEET WATER 9/21



@ HOLY SPIRIT 9/29



PICKENS ACADEMY 10/5

All Games are 6 pm Kickoff

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS

2026

UCS LYON AND UCS SMITH
STUDENTS MAY PAY \$1 ON
THESE SPECIFIED SPIRIT FRIDAYS
TO WEAR A UCS T-SHIRT AND
JEANS OR DRESS TO THE SPIRIT
THEME. THE MONEY COLLECTED
SUPPORTS OUR UCS
CHEERLEADERS.

Spirit Day Guidelines

If students choose to dress according to the theme, all outfits should be school appropriate.

- Shirts must have sleeves, must fully cover the midriff, and cannot contain vulgarities.
- Shorts/skirts must be at least finger-tip length.
- Toy props cannot be brought to school.
- No face coverings, masks, hoodies, or extreme costumes allowed.

If students choose to wear jeans and a UCS t-shirt, jeans may not have any rips, tears, holes, or frays. Jeans may not have any words or phrases on them. Jeggings are not allowed at UCS Smith.

PK-3rd Grade female students who choose to participate may wear a UCS Cheer uniform.

If students choose not to participate, they must be in dressed in a regular uniform.

HANDLE HUBBERTVILLE

Saddle up in your best Western attire! Cowboy hats, western boots, flannel button ups, etc.

Aug 21

RAID THE RAIDERS

Wear gold, glitter, or anything that looks like treasure as UCS takes the treasure of a win.

Aug 28

BLAZE THE BULLDOGS

Wear RED from head to toe to light up the stands.

Sep 4

ON A BEAR HUNT

Break out your favorite camo gear and join us as we track down the bears.

Sep 11

HOCO

Our 2026 Homecoming theme will be announced very soon!

Sep 18

THROWBACK THE EAGLES

Travel through time by dressing in your favorite decade.

Sep 25

TAME THE BOBCATS

Wear leopard print, zebra stripes, khaki, or zookeeper gear.

Oct 2

RED, WHITE, & BEAT THE PATS

Show your patriotic pride in red, white, and blue

Oct 9

THE LAST RIDE

Celebrate Senior Night with your favorite NASCAR or racing gear.

Oct 16

PINK OUT THE PANTHERS

Wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness and cheer on the Blazers.

Oct 23

UCS 2026

Once Upon A Homecoming

HOMECOMING WEEK

Dress Up Days

MONDAY 9/14	Monsters University WEAR YOUR COLLEGE SHIRTS AND JERSEYS! 
TUESDAY 9/15	Tangled Tuesday CRAZY HAIR DAY! 
WEDNESDAY 9/16	WRECK-IT WEDNESDAY MISMATCH DAY! 
THURSDAY 9/17	Ohana Day WEAR TROPICAL TOURISTY OUTFITS! 
FRIDAY 9/18	Blazer Pride WEAR YOUR HOMECOMING T-SHIRT OR UCS SPIRITWEAR! 

Be part of the story. Make it magical!

UCS 2026

Once Upon A Homecoming

HOMECOMING WEEK

EVENTS

MONDAY 9/14	HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING VOTING <i>during Homeroom</i> 
WEDNESDAY 9/16	POWDERPUFF GAME 8:30-9:15 9-12 GRADE STUDENTS ONLY 
THURSDAY 9/17	BLAZER BLOCK PARTY 5:00 GLOW IN THE DARK PEP RALLY 7:00 
FRIDAY 9/18	PARADE 2:00 HOMECOMING COURT PRESENTATION 6:35 KICKOFF 7:00 

Once a Blazer, Always a Blazer

WE NEED YOUR SHOES!

AUG. 17TH - OCT. 16TH, 2026

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET AND SUPPORT OUR SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER!

The funds will be used for competition expenses.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

UCS - Smith Campus
134 University Drive
Livingston, AL 35470



The shoes collected will also help support micro-enterprises in developing nations!

Every Pair Counts!



UCS-FCCLA Chapter

Group Name:

Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes today!

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

Location	Dates	Contact
UCS Smith Campus Livingston, AL	Aug. 17 - Oct. 16, 2026	Julie Wright at jwright@universitycharterschool.org

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COMING
SOON!

Our Charleston Wrap
2026 Fall Fundraiser!

Charleston Wrap
ARTIST PARTNERS • ARTIST COOPERATION
www.registercw.com

The
Good Gifts
Were All
Gone!

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

IT'S COMING!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! This can't-miss event gets kids excited about reading and earns funds for our school.

SAVE THE DATE for September 3rd-September 11th!

Start exploring together, or set up your child's e-wallet by scanning this

QR code:



THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!!!

Get ready to explore the Book Fair and find some great new books! You can set up your child's eWallet or send cash for them to shop.

Students are welcome to shop ANY DAY they bring money! However, to help with traffic and give everyone plenty of time to shop, we have designated a shopping day for each grade level:

Pre-K – Wednesday, 9/9

Kindergarten – Friday, 9/4

1st Grade – Tuesday, 9/8

2nd Grade – Thursday, 9/10

3rd Grade – Wednesday, 9/9

We can't wait for our students to explore the Book Fair, discover new favorites, and get excited about reading! [Click Here](#)

Scan the QR code below or click the link to sign up for Grandparents' Day 2026!

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

This special day will conclude with a visit to our Book Fair with your grandchild! Want a sneak peek at what's available this year or need to add money to your grandchild's eWallet? Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to explore the Book Fair and get ready to shop together!

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S
GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2026

Tea and Tales



11 SEPTEMBER 2026

Pre-K: 8:15-8:45 a.m.
Kindergarten: 8:45-9:15 a.m.
2nd Grade: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
1st Grade: 1:15-1:45 p.m.
3rd Grade: 1:45-2:15 p.m.

If grandparents have more than one grandchild in grades pre-K through 3rd, they may choose the time listed above that corresponds with any one of their grandchildren's grade levels. Don't worry—we will make sure all of your K-3 grandchildren are able to join you during that time! Please be sure to scan the QR code above, so we can have an accurate head count and make this a special day for everyone!

Students are welcome to dress in **English Tea attire** for this special day if they choose, and grandparents are invited to join in the fun as well! Attire might include your Sunday best, a fancy hat, gloves, or other tea-party-inspired accessories. Dressing up is completely optional—just come ready to enjoy a lovely time together! We'll have a special photo booth to help capture this sweet memory together!



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PUBLIC LIBRARY



BOOKMARK CONTEST



HELP US DESIGN NEW BOOKMARKS! FROM AUGUST 17-
SEPTEMBER 11, PICK UP A BOOKMARK TEMPLATE AT THE
LIBRARY, DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOKMARK USING ANY MEDIUM,
AND TURN IT IN FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR DESIGN PRINTED!

AGE CATEGORIES:

- 4-8
- 9-12
- 13-15
- 16-19
- 20+



**MULTIPLE ENTRIES
ALLOWED!**

FINAL DEADLINE

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11**

MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FRONT DESK.
DIGITAL DESIGNS CAN BE EMAILED TO
STAFF@RPTLIBRARY.ORG.

ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:

NAME, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL, AND
AGE GROUP ON THE BACK OF THE
BOOKMARK.



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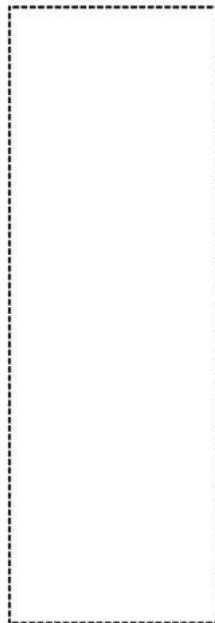
HOW IT WORKS:

- DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOKMARK USING ANY MEDIUM
- WRITE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL, AND AGE ON THE BACK
- TURN IT IN TO THE DESK OR EMAIL YOUR DIGITAL DESIGNS TO STAFF@RPTLIBRARY.ORG BY **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.**
- WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR BOOKMARK DESIGNS PRINTED!



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livingston first baptist church

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30 – Doors open for kids/students

5:45 – Dinner served

6:10 – Classes Start

7:00 – Kids Dismissed

LIVINGSTON PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT OUT TRUNK OR TREAT

A COMMUNITY EVENT CELEBRATING
SAFETY, CONNECTION & FUN!



DATE:
OCTOBER
23RD, 2026



TIME:
5:30 P.M.



PARADE LOCATION:
DOWNTOWN
LIVINGSTON



EVENT LOCATION:
JAYCEE
PARK

Come join us for some food and fun !



★ THANK YOU TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS & FIRST RESPONDERS! ★



175
YEAR
ANNIVERSARY



**Homework support
Enrichment Activities**

Active Play

Extended Hours:

School dismissal-6:00pm EVERYDAY!

Register Today!

**If your child is registered for YMCA after school,
look for an email from YMCA regarding
expectations and procedures.**

the Y | 175

UWA



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



The Y is the place where kids discover new passions, make friends, and gain skills that last a lifetime.

- \$50.00 a week per child
- Mon-Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm, Weds. 1:00pm-6:00pm
- Learning support and enrichment
- Active play and healthy habits
- Lyon Hall and Smith Campus

Make this place your place for helping kids thrive beyond the school day.

Financial Assistance Available!

YMCA Programs at The University of
West Alabama

Contact Bebe at bseward@ymcatusc.org

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UCS NEED SOME GEAR?

TRAIL
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REP YOUR SCHOOL. SHOW YOUR PRIDE. | GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!

The advertisement features a collection of UCS Trail Blazers spirit gear. At the top, the UCS logo is prominently displayed in a red box, with 'UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL' written in smaller text above it. Below the logo, the text 'NEED SOME GEAR?' is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. To the left of this text is a stylized white horse head logo with a blue mane, labeled 'TRAIL BLAZERS'. Below the main text, four items of gear are shown: a navy blue hoodie with the UCS logo, a red t-shirt with the UCS logo and horse head, a navy blue baseball cap with the UCS logo, and a navy blue drawstring bag with the horse head logo. At the bottom, a banner reads 'REP YOUR SCHOOL. SHOW YOUR PRIDE. | GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!'.

Don't forget to check out the UCS BSN Sideline store. There's a great variety of spirit wear to add to your collection. New items are added throughout the year. Grab some gear and show your Blazer Spirit!

**[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE
BSN SIDELINE STORE](#)**



UCS Blazer Boosters **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Join now for the 26-27 school year

Individual All-Sports Pass: \$100

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for 1 person

Family All-Sports Pass: \$200

- Annual Booster Club membership
- All-Sports Pass for family (*only members of the household*)



Individual



Family



Help **Child Find** Locate Children with Disabilities

What Is **Child Find**?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

How Does **Child Find** Work?

Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

Why Is **Child Find** Important?

It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ Hearing Impairment | ■ Speech and Language Impairment |
| ■ Deaf-Blindness | ■ Visual Impairment |
| ■ Intellectual Disability | ■ Specific Learning Disabilities |
| ■ Multiple Disabilities | ■ Autism |
| ■ Orthopedic Impairment | ■ Traumatic Brain Injury |
| ■ Other Health Impairment | ■ Developmental Delay |
| ■ Emotional Disability | |

For more information about **Child Find**,
contact your local school system, local
coordinating council, or call

(205) 652-3848

Ages 3-21

1-800-543-3098
Birth through 2



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