

# Blazer Bits

## Pre-K through 3rd Grade



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

### Monday, September 28:

- HOME Volleyball Game vs. Sipsey @ 4:00 pm (JV) and 5:00 pm (V) - SENIOR NIGHT

### Tuesday, September 29:

- LIFEWISE
  - E. Allen and McMullen @ 10:20 am
- AWAY Volleyball Game vs. Linden @ 5:00 pm
- AWAY Junior High Football Game vs. Holy Spirit @ 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 30:

- LIFEWISE
  - 2nd Grade @ 9:05 am
  - Dial @ 10:15 am
  - 1st Grade @ 11:00 am
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Auditorium
  - Boys Tumble @ 1:00-1:30
  - ALL Girls @ 1:30-2:30

### Thursday, October 1:

- No new announcements

### Friday, October 2:

- School Custodian Appreciation Day!
- Progress Reports Go Home TODAY for 1st-3rd Grade
- Flu Shot Clinic
- AWAY Football Game vs. RC Hatch @ 7:00 pm

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— 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.

## 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!

## 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



**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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CHARTER SCHOOL

..... *Every Day Counts.* .....

SUCCESS STARTS WITH SHOWING UP!

BE HERE. BE ON TIME. BE YOUR BEST.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER  
**7<sup>TH</sup>**  
★

*Thanks for*  
**CHIPPIN IN**  
*on Attendance!*



WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER  
**14<sup>TH</sup>**  
★

*Donut*  
**MISS SCHOOL**



WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER  
**21<sup>ST</sup>**  
★

**JEAN-IUS**  
*Attendance*



WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER  
**28<sup>TH</sup>**  
★

**NACHO**  
*AVERAGE Attendance*



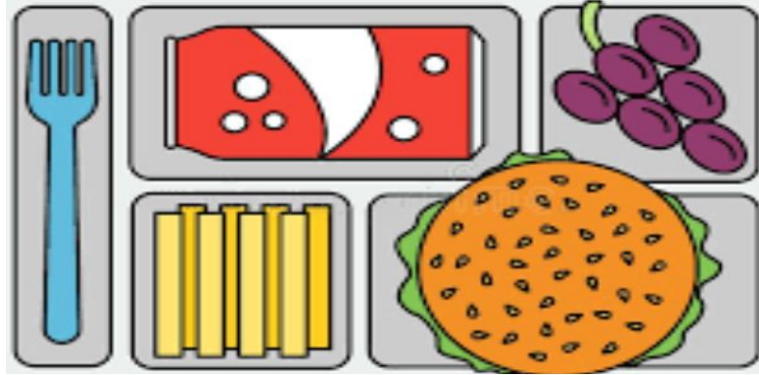
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# UCS LYON

## Breakfast and Lunch

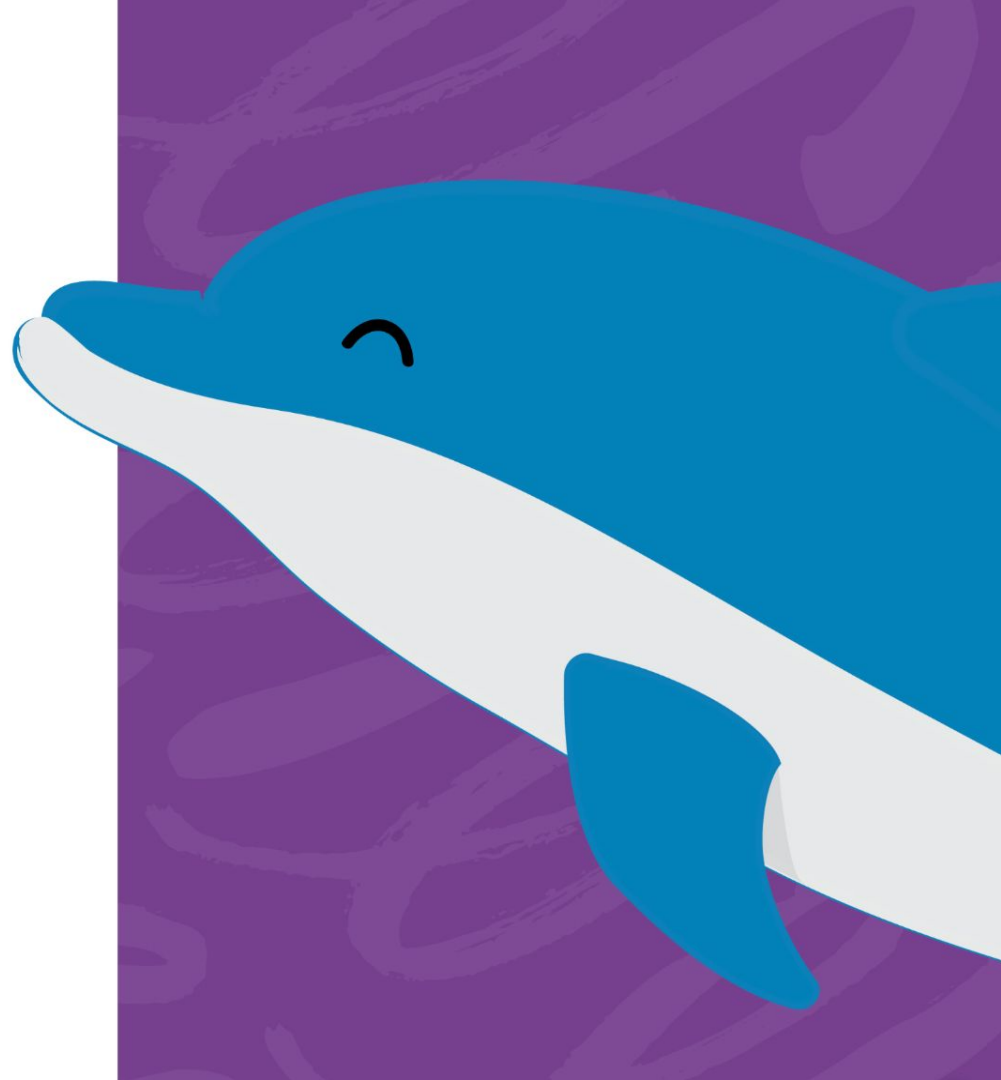


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SEPTEMBER 2026 | DOLPHIN

# 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!

Our Big Idea for August was CREATIVITY - Using your imagination to do something unique. Each PreK - 3 teacher was asked to select a student from her classroom that best exemplified CREATIVITY during August to be their Character Kid of the Month.

AUGUST 2026 | BOWERBIRD

# CREATIVITY

Using your imagination to do  
something unique



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# CREATIVITY

## Character Kids for August



Amilyah Coats  
Emma Lake Reed  
Marlei Miller  
Cameron Baugh  
A'Bella Eadie  
Marie Weekley  
Mary Mason Law  
Patrick Smith  
Harper Prine  
Locke Baker  
Honesty Austin  
Atlee Howard  
Saylor Hutchings  
Madi Walker Briggs  
AvaRose Goodwin  
Reggie Hutchins

# UCS Volleyball 2026

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

Aug 21

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

### RAID THE RAIDERS

Aug 28

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

### BLAZE THE BULLDOGS

Sep 4

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

### ON A BEAR HUNT

Sep 11

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

### HOCO

Sep 18

Our 2026 Homecoming theme will be announced very soon!

### THROWBACK THE EAGLES

Sep 25

Travel through time by dressing in your favorite decade.

### TAME THE BOBCATS

Oct 2

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

### RED, WHITE, & BEAT THE PATS

Oct 9

Show your patriotic pride in red, white, and blue

### THE LAST RIDE

Oct 16

Celebrate Senior Night with your favorite NASCAR or racing gear.

### PINK OUT THE PANTHERS

Oct 23

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

# IT'S MORE THAN A YEARBOOK

It's a collection of moments that define your year.

**NOW \$ 40.00**

**Order by 9/18/2026**



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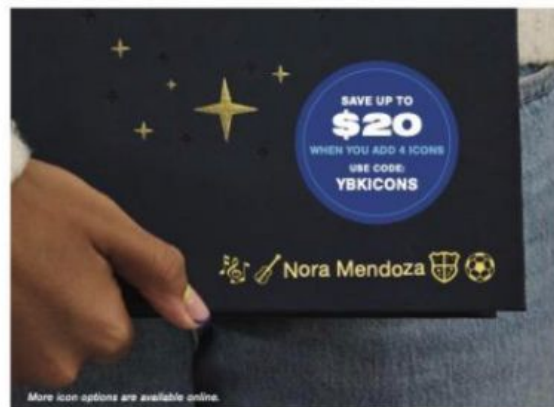
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## PERSONALIZE YOUR COVER

Make your yearbook one of a kind by personalizing the cover with your name and icons that represent your unique interests.



*More icon options are available online.*



## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

See more of yourself and your friends in the yearbook.

### STEP 1.

Scan the QR code to get started.



Or go to:  
[photos.jostens.com/upload](https://photos.jostens.com/upload)

### STEP 2.

Upload your favorite photos from the year.

### STEP 3.

Tag yourself and your friends in the photos.

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Health Heroes will come to both campuses at UCS on 10/2/2026 for our FLU SHOT clinic. **This clinic is for all insurances except PEEHIP.** Our PEEHIP flu shot clinic will be at a later date. Consent forms will be coming home with students. Please sign and return if you would like for your student to get the flu shot. Flu shots can not be given to students without a completed consent form. If you have any questions please reach out to Nurse Kristen at [kbeard@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:kbeard@universitycharterschool.org) or Nurse Shannon @ [sbryant@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:sbryant@universitycharterschool.org)

| HEALTH HERO<br>Flu VACCINE CONSENT FORM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             | Scan QR code for<br>Vaccine Information<br>Statement                                                                                                                |                      |
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| <div> <div> <div>ALL INFORMATION</div> <div>School Name</div> </div> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW - Please print using ink (computer forms will not be accepted)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| FIRST NAME OF STUDENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             | MIDDLE INITIAL                                                                                                                                                      | LAST NAME OF STUDENT |
| SEX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Male Female | DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)                                                                                                                                          | AGE GRADE            |
| ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             | SCHOOL/INSTITUTION NAME                                                                                                                                             |                      |
| CITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ZIP CODE    | TELEPHONE (FACULTY)                                                                                                                                                 |                      |
| EMAIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | PHONE       |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| <p>The consent health care was required to fill your insurance company for the vaccine. The service is offered at no cost to you, however an always confidential.</p> <p> <b>IF YOU HAVE HEALTHCARE WITH INSURANCE</b><br/>         YES (Check if box) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Check if box) <input type="checkbox"/> </p>                                                      |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             | <p>MEMBER ID</p> <p>INSURANCE COMPANY NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S FIRST NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S LAST NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> |                      |
| <p>IF YOU HAVE NO INSURANCE</p> <p>YES (Check if box) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Check if box) <input type="checkbox"/></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             | <p>MEMBER ID</p> <p>INSURANCE COMPANY NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S FIRST NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S LAST NAME</p> <p>POLICY HOLDER'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> |                      |
| <p><b>HEALTH QUESTIONS</b> (mark with <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO)</p> <p>1. Will this be the first time your child has received a flu vaccine?</p> <p>2. Has your child ever had an allergic reaction to any vaccine in the past including Chicken Pox vaccine?</p> <p>3. Does your child have a blood disorder such as hemophilia or sickle cell?</p> |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| <p>STUDENT SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE</p> <p>STUDENT SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             | <p>STUDENT SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE</p> <p>STUDENT SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE</p>                                                                                           |                      |
| <p><b>PARENT/GUARDIAN WITH AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE VACCINATION SIGNATURE</b></p> <p>FIRST NAME</p> <p>LAST NAME</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |
| <p><b>IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN OR CALL US AT 202-462-1234 TO GET A FLU SHOT. PLEASE USE WWW.HEALTHHEROES.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.</b></p> <p><b>STOP</b><br/>Do NOT return this form unless you want your child to be vaccinated.</p> <p>www.healthheroes.com<br/>202-462-1234<br/>info@healthheroes.com</p>                         |             |                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |

# 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!** ★

# **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**

JOIN THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL **PTA!**



Scan to sign up



**Join  
Today**



There is no obligation to volunteer your time -  
but your membership makes everything we do possible!



**THANK YOU** FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PTA MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE  
DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS FOR FALL  
FESTIVAL! JOIN NOW!



**SCAN HERE**

to sign up as a  
Volunteer for the  
upcoming Fall Festival  
October 29



# UNIFORM SALE

**Wednesday**  
**Oct. 7**



15 slots available  
every 20 minutes  
from 3-6PM



SIGN UP FOR A TIME!

**SMITH GYM FOYER**

UCS will host the 2nd on-site uniform sale for the 26-27 school year on October 7th in the Smith Gym Foyer from 3pm-6pm.

**This is an ideal time for parents to get dress uniform pieces (oxford shirts, pants, ties, skirts, socks, etc.) as well as jackets for cooler weather.**

Please use the sign up form here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAAE23A6F9C34-66138437-onsite#/>

or scan the QR code.

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# UCS

# NEED SOME GEAR?



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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:

- |                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ 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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