

Special Education Child Find



What is Child Find?

Child Find is the process of identifying, locating, and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

Why is there Child Find?

Both state and local education agencies are given the responsibility by federal and state laws to conduct child find activities so that children who need special services have the opportunity to receive those services.

What is the purpose of Child Find?

- To promote public awareness of disabilities
- To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs
- To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention
- To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services that are needed

What does a disability mean?

For age Birth to 3 - An established condition known to result in delay, or a documented developmental delay.

For ages 3 through 5 - A documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills.

For ages 5 through 21 - Identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness.

Who can help?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help North Royalton City School District find any child, age birth-21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify the North Royalton City Schools' Department of Special Education or the school principal.

What happens next?

North Royalton City Schools' Department of Special Education will contact the parents of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free evaluation is available to families living within the North Royalton City School District when there is the suspicion of a disability that adversely affects the child's educational performance. If a disability is identified, the child will be offered the special education and related services necessary to provide the child with a free and appropriate public education.