

Special Education

Child Find

What is Child Find?

Child Find is part of a federal law called the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) (IDEA). This law protects the rights of students with disabilities. Upon request, Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. The school locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in school within the school district.

Who's covered by Child Find?

Children with disabilities from birth through age 21 are covered. Child Find requires school districts to have a process for identifying and evaluating children who may need [special education](#) and [related services](#), such as counseling or [speech therapy](#). These programs help parents find out if their young children are on track. Then, if needed, the programs can connect families with appropriate services early in the child's life.

What is the process for Child Find?

1. Anyone may make a referral to the School Guidance Counselor or School Administrator.
2. The school will schedule a meeting for a Screening.
3. The child participates in the screening in all areas of development.

What happens if my child is found eligible for services?

If a child is determined eligible for special education services, the law requires that the least restrictive environment be considered. This requirement results in a plan for services for children who require special education, and all services are based on the child's needs as a result of testing.

Medical Homebound

Students who cannot attend public school because of illness, accident, or pregnancy, even with the aid of transportation, are eligible for medical homebound or hospitalized instruction. A physician must certify the student is unable to attend school but may profit from instruction given in the home or hospital.

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