

Child Find

The Sylvania City School District strives to meet the needs of individual children within our school environment. We take an active role in identifying children with disabilities from birth - 21 years of age.

What is Child Find?

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

- **Evaluation for all children with suspected disabilities, birth through age 21;**
- **Education for all children with disabilities, age three through 21 years.**

What is a disability?

For children ages birth to 3--A physical or mental condition that may result in a developmental delay.

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

Local school districts are required by federal and state law to find children who may need special education services and related services.

What is the purpose of Child Find?

1. To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs.
2. To guarantee that school districts find children who may have a disability and who otherwise may not have come to their attention.
3. To enable eligible children to receive the special education and related services that are needed.
4. To promote public awareness of disabilities.

How can you help?

If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify our school district. Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, childcare providers, physicians and concerned citizens are encouraged to help our school district find any child, ages birth - 21, who may have a disability and is in need of special education and related services. The evaluation and identification process is provided at no cost to the family.