

Child Find

The Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) includes the child find mandate. The primary purpose of IDEA 2004 is to ensure that all children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), including special education and related services that are designed to meet the unique needs of the student as well as prepare the child for further education and eventual employment and independent living. Child Find requires all school districts to locate, identify, evaluate and provide services for all children with disabilities from birth to age 21 regardless of the severity of the disabilities. This includes children who receive passing grades and progress from grade to grade annually, but who may not be making Adequate Yearly Progress through the general curriculum.

If your child attends Jefferson Local Schools and you suspect that your child may have a disability, contact the school your child attends, your child's teacher or Chris Zechman, Special Education Supervisor at 879-7654 ext. 1123.