



**Wellington Exempted Village Schools**

# Child Find

**A search for all children with disabilities from birth to age 21.**

## What is Child Find?

Child Find is the process of evaluating and identifying children who may be in need of special education and other related services. By federal and state laws, both state and local education agencies are required to conduct Child Find efforts to:

- Promote public awareness of disabilities
- Alert parents and professionals about a child's special needs
- Assist the school district in identifying children with disabilities
- Enable children and families to receive the special education and related services they need

## Who can help?

From parents and teachers to private agency employees and concerned community members, Wellington Exempted Village Schools uses many people to help identify children aged 0-21 who may have a disability and be in need of special education services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please reach out to our Special Education Department or a building principal.

## What happens next?

Wellington Schools' Department of Special Education will contact the parent(s) of the child to determine if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine if a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

## What does disability mean?

In children from birth to age 3, a disability is an established condition known to result in delay or a documented developmental delay.

In older children from age 3-21, a disability is an identification of one or more of the following conditions:

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| • autism                                  | • other health impairment   |
| • deaf-blindness                          | • speech or language impairment   |
| • hearing impairment (including deafness) | • traumatic brain injury and/or visual impairment (including blindness) |
| • learning disability                     |   |
| • intellectual impairment                 |   |
| • multiple disabilities                   |   |
| • orthopedic impairment                   |   |

## Contact

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