

Wellington Exempted Village School District

Child Find

A search for all children with disabilities – birth through 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 related services.

What Is the Purpose of Child Find?

- To promote public awareness of disabilities
- To alert parents, professionals, and the public about children who may have special needs
- To assist districts in finding children who may have disabilities
- To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services they need

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 Does *Disability* Mean?

For ages birth to age 3, and established condition known to result in delay, or a documented developmental delay.

For ages 3-21, and identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment (including deafness), learning disability, intellectual impairment, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, 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 Wellington EVSD find any child (birth -21) who may have a disability and needs special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify our Special Education Department or a building principal.

What Happens Next?

Wellington's Department of Special Education will contact the parent(s) of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

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