

Do You Know a Child with Special Needs?

Special Education

What is Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children and youth ages 3 to 22 years of age who are suspected of having or have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay, in order to provide appropriate special education services under the law.

When Should a Child Be Referred to Child Find?

A child should be referred when:

- A health or a medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning
- A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing
- A child appears to have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn or interact with others
- A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child's ability to learn.
- A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like others that are his/her age.
- A child's speech is not understood by family or friends.
- A child has difficulty with reading, writing, math, or other school subjects.

What is Special Education?

Special education is instruction designed to meet the unique learning strengths and needs of the individual student with disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years of age.

It is defined as:

- specially designed instruction
- at no cost to the parents
- to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability

Special education services may be provided in a variety of educational settings, but are required by IDEA to be delivered in the least restrictive environment.

Who is Eligible for Services?

A student must be evaluated and identified as having a disability to be eligible for special education programs and related services. The degree of the student's impairment must require special education.

The disability categories are:

- Autism
- Hearing Impairment including Deafness
- Deaf-Blindness
- Emotionally Disturbed
- Language/Speech Disorder

- Mental Retardation
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

How Can Children Be Referred?

A referral may be made by a parent or by any person concerned about a child. Parent involvement and agreement is obtained prior to any further action. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

527-5811.

District Contacts

Antelope 527-1272

Bend 527-4648

Corning Elementary 824-7700

Corning High 824-8000

Elkins 833-5582

Evergreen 347-3411

Flournoy 833-5331

Gerber 385-1041

Kirkwood 824-7773

Lassen View 527-5162

Los Molinos 384-7826

Manton 474-3167

Mineral 595-3322

Plum Valley 597-2248

Red Bluff Joint Union High 529-8700

Red Bluff Union High 529-8710

Red Bluff Union Elementary 527-7200

Reeds Creek 527-6006

Richfield 527-6727

Early Intervention

◆ *If the child is 3 to 5 years of age, contact the Tehama County Office of Education at 527-5811*