

CHILD FIND

In order to ensure that families and other relevant agencies and/or organizations within the boundaries of the local school district, are aware of the district's child find efforts and of the process for referring a child who is suspected of having an educational disability, the district has developed the following policy.

As regulated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), it is the duty of the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District to utilize the special education process to find, identify, and evaluate all children ages 2.5 – 22 years who are suspected of having an educational disability and who are potentially in need of special education and / or educationally related services.

The Lincoln - Woodstock Cooperative School District has established procedures for Child Find.

1. In School Child Identification

(a) Students may be referred to the Special Education Team for reasons including but not limited to the following:

- Failing to pass a hearing or vision screening;
- Unsatisfactory performance on group achievement tests or accountability measures;
- Receiving multiple academic and behavioral warnings or suspension or expulsion from a child care center or after school program;
- Repeatedly failing one or more subjects
- Inability to progress or participate in developmentally appropriate preschool activities; and
- Receiving services from family centered early support and services

2. Communication with Other Service Providers

(a) The Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District annual contacts social service agencies within its jurisdiction which provides medical, mental health, welfare, and other human services to advise them of the district's responsibility to find, identify, and evaluate all students who are suspected of having an educational disability.

(b) Referrals from these agencies shall be forwarded to the Special Education Evaluation Team for a dispositional review.

3. Dissemination of Information

(a) The Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District annual disseminates information which describes Child Find. This includes a contact person in the school system for further information or referral.

4. Parent Information

(a) The Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District annually provides all parents / guardians of students with educational disabilities with information regarding their rights and responsibilities under

federal and state law regarding special education. The district will make significant efforts to ensure the material is printed in a language that is understandable to the parent/guardian.

(b) The Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District ensures that all referrals from parents and others who suspect or know a student to have an educational disability are referred to the Special Education Evaluation Team.

(c) The Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District provides parents with written notice of any referral than the one initiated by the parent / guardian.

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