

CHILD FIND NOTICE

Help Locate Children with Disabilities

In accordance with rule 3301-51-03 of the Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools Serving Children with Disabilities, the Southern Local School District participates in an ongoing effort to identify, locate, and evaluate all children aged three through twenty-one with disabilities residing within the district, including children with disabilities who are homeless, are wards of the state, or who are attending nonpublic schools located within the Southern Local School District, regardless of the severity of their disability.

A child is considered to be a child with a disability under rule 3301-51-03 if they have a cognitive disability (mental retardation), hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment (including blindness), a speech or language impairment, an emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, or multiple disabilities.

Some parents may not be aware of the programs and services that are available. If you suspect your child has a disability or if you know of a child who you suspect may have a disability, or if you have questions about special education for children with disabilities, please contact the Special Education Department by calling (740)-949-4222 ext. 1125 or ext. 1400.

Additional information about child find obligations and special education in general may be found in "Whose IDEA is This?" A Parent's Guide to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) available by contacting the Special Education Department.

Each year school districts throughout Ohio participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children, birth through age 21, with disabilities such as multi-handicaps, hearing, visual, orthopedic, social/emotional, health conditions, and/or speech/language handicaps. Anyone aware of a child residing in the Southern Local School District who may have one or more of the suspected disabilities, including preschool-age children, should contact Scott Wolfe, Director of Special Education, at the Southern Local Schools' Special Education Office at (740)-949-4222 Ext. 1400.