

Child Find Procedures

- The purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children and youth, birth to age 21, who are suspected of, or have a disability or are developmentally delayed. Treutlen County Schools serves children ages 3 through 21 with identified special education needs.
- Special Education is instruction designed to meet the unique learning strengths with disabilities from birth through age 21. A child must be evaluated and identified as having a disability or developmental delay to be eligible for Special Education and/or related services. Disability categories are: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Deaf/Blind; Deaf/Hard of Hearing; Emotional and Behavior Disorder; Intellectual Disabilities; Orthopedic Impairment; Other Health Impairment; Significant Developmental Delay; Specific Learning Disability; Speech/Language Impairment; Traumatic Brain Injury; and Visual Impairment.
- All student referrals will be accompanied by a student's data, e.g. scientific, research or evidence based academic or behavior interventions that show a lack of sufficient progress. Student's data may also include data such as referrals from parents or students that are home schooled. The data may include screenings, RTI, and other information that has been gathered. Exceptions may be made in circumstances where immediate evaluation and/or placement are required due to a significant disability that precludes access to instruction.
- At the beginning of school, information about Child Find will be sent home with each student. The parent will be asked to sign the paper and send it back to the school with the student.
- Child Find is a continuous and ongoing process. The Director of Student Services stays in contact with both "Babies Can't Wait" and "Head Start" through notifications and through working together to help "at risk" children.
- Everyone in Treutlen County will be responsible for Child Find procedures. Specifically, school personnel, health department personnel, church leaders, and daycare providers will work with the Director of Student Services to assure that all children have the right to a free appropriate public education.
- If you have any questions, please call the Director of Student Services, Derek Cone, at (912) 529-7108 or dcone@treutlen.k12.ga.us
- For more information, you can visit the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website.