

NEWKIRK PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHILD FIND PROGRAM

2018 -2019 School Year

Identifying, Locating, and Evaluating Children with Disabilities

Child Find is a public awareness activity to identify, locate and evaluate children ages 3 through high school graduation with a diploma, or through 21 years of age, if necessary, who may have disabilities defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004. A child with a disability means a child evaluated and determined eligible for special education and related services in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of Special Education in Oklahoma under the following categories:

Autism	Multiple Disabilities	Deaf-Blindness
Orthopedic Impairment	Other Health Impairments	Hearing Impairment Including Deafness
Developmental Delay	Specific Learning Disability	Emotional Disturbance
Speech or Language Impairment	Intellectual Disabilities	Traumatic Brain Injury
Visual Impairment Including Blindness		

Developmental Delay category is defined as functioning one and a half standard deviations below the mean in two domains or two standard deviations below the mean in one domain. Domains involve the following areas: Cognitive, Communication, Social/Emotional, Adaptive and Physical. The category of Developmental Delay is for children ages 3 to 10.

Newkirk Public School District is responsible for locating, evaluating and identifying children with disabilities who live within the district boundaries. All eligible children with disabilities beginning at age of 3, who are residents of the Edmond Public Schools District, have a right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as mandated by the IDEA. The specific special education and related services for children are determined per child by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.

For children 3 years to 5 years, who are residents of the Newkirk Public School District, or attending a private school in the Newkirk area, whose parents need information regarding an evaluation to determine eligibility for services, please contact:

**Newkirk Public School Special Services
615 W South St, Newkirk OK 74647
580-362-6241**

For children that are school age, please contact your neighborhood school and request to speak with the school counselor or school psychologist regarding a free evaluation for your child. A multidisciplinary team of professionals will be involved in the evaluation process. The eligibility team will determine the severity of the disability, and for school age children, if the disability adversely affects the child's educational performance. Services for infants and toddlers (ages 0 to 3) who are suspected of having disabilities are provided through the Sooner Start Early Intervention Program. If you suspect your infant or toddler has a disability, contact the Oklahoma County Sooner Start Program at 405-271-9477.