

NEWKIRK PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHILD FIND PROGRAM

Locate, Identify and Evaluate Children with Disabilities

Child Find is a public awareness activity to locate, identify, and evaluate children ages 3 through 21 years of age 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
Hearing Impairment Including Deafness	Other Health Impairments
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 through 9.

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 Newkirk Public Schools District, have a right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as mandated by the IDEA Act of 2004. The specific special education related services for children age 3-21 are determined per child by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.

For individuals who are residents of the Newkirk Public School District or attending a private school in the Newkirk area and need information regarding an evaluation to determine eligibility for services, please contact:

Newkirk Public Schools
625 W. South Street
Newkirk, OK 74647
580.362.2388

A multidisciplinary team of professionals will be involved in the evaluation process. The eligibility team will determine the severity of the disability through the evaluation process, 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 Sooner Care.