



All about learning



The Springfield City School District is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school or call:

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Special Education Department
at 505-2855
601 Selma Road
Springfield, OH 45505-1941

Child Find





Public school districts across Ohio, including the Springfield City Schools, are working to identify, locate and evaluate children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities.

Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability or that there are programs and services available.

Disability in this instance means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, learning disabilities, behavioral disabilities or multiple disabilities, mental retardation, physical impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury.



The school district will ask for information about the child, such as: What is the problem? What has already been done about the problem? What background information is available? This information may be collected in several ways ~ interviews, observations, screenings, and testing.



Parents, students, or other agencies may provide the information. It will be used to decide whether the student has a disability and needs special services. All information is held in strict confidence and released to others only with parent permission or as allowed by law.

- For example, the school district sends records on request to other school districts or educational agencies in which a student will enroll. The parents may have a copy upon request. The school district keeps a record of all persons who review the

records with the exception of authorized school employees, or other educational agency personnel. The school also maintains a list of those employees who are authorized to review records.

The school district or another educational agency also informs parents when personally identifiable information is no longer needed. This data is kept for at least five years or longer if required for audit purposes.

Parents have the right to:

- Review the child's records.
- Refuse permission to release information (except as required by law to be released.)
- Request that information they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of their child's privacy or other rights be changed.

