

RIVERSIDE Public School

Child Find

Child Find Services

Child Find is a special education service provided by Riverside Public School (Grades Pre-K thru Eighth) for identifying children from ages three through twenty-one who are suspected of having an educational disability and who may be eligible for special education and related services. Riverside School is a dependent school serving students from pre-k to eighth grade. Those students in ninth – twelfth - living in Riverside School district - suspected of having a disability would be referred to the appropriate independent school district.

Child Find referral are made by calling 405-262-2907.

What is included in the definition of education disability?

Federal and state laws identify specific disabling conditions that entitle a child to special education services if it is determined that the disability is interfering with the child's learning.

These conditions include:

Autism	Orthopedic Impairment
Deafness	Other Health Impairment
Deaf/Blindness	Specific Learning Disability
Developmental Delay	Speech or Language Impairment
Emotional Disturbance	Traumatic Brain Injury
Hearing Impairment	Visual Impairment (including blindness)
Intellectual Disability	Developmental Delay
Multiple Disabilities	

Who is eligible?

Preschool children residing in Riverside School District
Children attending an approved private/parochial school located in Riverside School District, regardless of residency.

What services are available?

Services for eligible preschool children may include classroom instruction, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

What is the cost?

Screenings, assessments, evaluations and all special education services which are determined to be necessary are provided free of charge.

Identification, Assessment and Evaluation Process

Riverside Public School is committed to providing free and appropriate educational programs and related services for students with disabilities from three years of age through the completion of the eighth grade.

Pre-School Students

Parents, medical personnel, or other concerned individuals may make a referral. If the IEP team suspects that the child has a disability after reviewing all screening information, assessments in all areas related to suspected disability are recommended.

Upon parental approval, the recommended assessments are conducted by the school-based staff and reviewed by the team in an MEEGS meeting. For children eligible for services, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed. Once the eligibility is determined the team then develops an IEP, where services are identified to implement the IEP, and considers options for the provision of services in the least restrictive environment.

School-Age Students

A student who is suspected of having a disability is referred to the referral team. The referral team meets to review the referral any existing data, information from the parent, and previously implemented instructional interventions and strategies, current classroom based assessment/curriculum measures, and observations. Based on the information, the referral team shall determine the needed assessments.

If assessments are recommended, the school obtains permission and the recommended assessments are conducted by school-based staff and reviewed by the IEP team at an MEEGS team meeting. For those children eligible for services, an IEP is developed. The IEP team identifies services need to implement the IEP and considers options for the provision of services in the least restrictive environment.

NOTE: If a parent has an educational concern and/or believes their child may have a disability, please contact your school administrator 405-262-2907.