

McCord PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHILD FIND PROGRAM

2019 -2020 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.

McCord 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 McCord 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 McCord Public School District, or attending a private school in the McCord area, whose parents need information regarding an evaluation to determine eligibility for services, please contact:

**McCord Public School Special
Services
977 S McCord Rd, Ponca City OK
74604 580-765-8806**

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.