



CORPUS CHRISTI INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Child Find

Child Find is the affirmative, ongoing obligation of the Corpus Christi Independent School District (CCISD) to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities residing within their jurisdiction who need special education and related services. CCISD may not take a passive approach and wait for others to refer students for special education services. CCISD must seek out Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) eligible students.

Every child from birth to age 21 is covered under Child Find, including:

- Infants (ages 0-2 years) suspected of having the following disabilities:
 - o Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH)
 - o Visual Impairments (VI) and
 - o Deaf-Blindness (DB)
- Students, including those who are homeschooled or in private school
- Students who are suspected of having a disability, even though advancing from grade to grade
- Children who are traditionally underserved:
 - o Homeless
 - o Highly mobile, including migrant
 - o In foster care (may be wards of the state)
 - o Involved in the criminal justice system.

Parent referrals can be made. If a parent makes a written request for an initial evaluation for special services:

- CCISD must respond no later than fifteen (15) school days after receiving the request
- At that time, CCISD must give the parent a prior written notice of whether it agrees or refuses to evaluate the student, along with a copy of the *Notice of Procedural Safeguards*
- If CCISD agrees to evaluate the student, it must also give the parent the opportunity to give written consent for the evaluation

Please note:

- A request for special education evaluation may be made verbally and is not required to be in writing. A verbal request does not require CCISD to respond within the 15 school day timeline
- When requests are made verbally, CCISD must still comply with all federal prior written notice and procedural safeguard requirements