

CHILD FIND – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Goshen County School District No.1 shall implement an ongoing system to locate, identify and evaluate all children birth to 21 residing within its jurisdiction who have disabilities and need early intervention under Part C or special education under Part B.

Goshen County School District No.1 shall identify all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, including children who are:

1. Highly mobile, such as migrant and homeless children;
2. Wards of the State;
3. Suspected of having a disability even though they advance from grade to grade;
4. Home schooled;
5. Attending a private (religious or secular) school located within the boundaries of Goshen County School District No.1;
6. Attending a charter or virtual school;
7. Below the age of compulsory school attendance;
8. Above the age of compulsory school attendance who have not graduated from high school with a regular diploma and have not completed the school year in which they reach their twenty-first birthday; or
9. Dropped out or disenrolled from public or private school

PROCEDURE

Goshen County School District No.1's Child Find efforts include:

- A. Public awareness. Child find activities shall include local media resources and direct contact activities to:
 1. Provide information about special education services in Goshen County School District No.1 and the special education referral process to public and private facilities located within the boundaries of Goshen County School District No.1, including day care centers, homeless shelters, group homes, county jails, hospitals, medical offices, and other facilities that serve children birth to 21 years old.
 2. Provide information about developmental and/or academic screening opportunities occurring throughout Goshen County School District No.1, including screening opportunities coordinated with other providers or agencies.
- B. Notice. Before any major child find activity, Goshen County School District No.1 shall publish notices in newspapers or other media informing parents of the activity. Circulation of this notice shall be adequate to inform parents within the school district's or public agency's jurisdiction.

- C. Staff Awareness. Goshen County School District No.1 shall ensure that staff members are knowledgeable about the characteristics of children with disabilities and in need of special education, and the referral process for all children, including infants or preschool children, suspected of having disabilities. Awareness activities include:
1. Staff in-service
 2. Outside agency trainings and conferences
 3. Provision of data and information provided for review by all stakeholders
- D. Communication to Parents. Goshen County School District No.1's staff shall inform parents about the availability of special education and related services and provide them with information about initiating a referral for a special education evaluation, including information about early intervention under Part C and special education under Part B. Communication activities include;
1. Participation in contracting for Child Find requirements and communication through Torrington Learning Center to provide information to all parents.
 2. Personal contacts by regular and special education staff and administration.
 3. Information/educational programs put forth for the benefit of parents.
 4. Written communication to parents
 5. Public notices
 6. Parent training in-services.
- E. Children in Private Schools. Goshen County School District No.1 shall locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools located within the boundaries of Goshen County School District No.1, including children who reside in a state other than Wyoming. Child find activities for children in private schools include:
1. Evaluation services to identify students eligible for Special Education services through comprehensive evaluations.
 2. Information for access to Special Education services for those students who are determined through appropriate evaluation to be in need of Special Education services
 3. Assistance with early intervention services as indicated by Response to Intervention efforts.
- F. Other activities: _____.

*34 C.F.R. §300.111; 34 C.F.R. §300.131; W.S. §21-2-502(b)
Wyoming Department of Education Rules, Chapter 7*

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