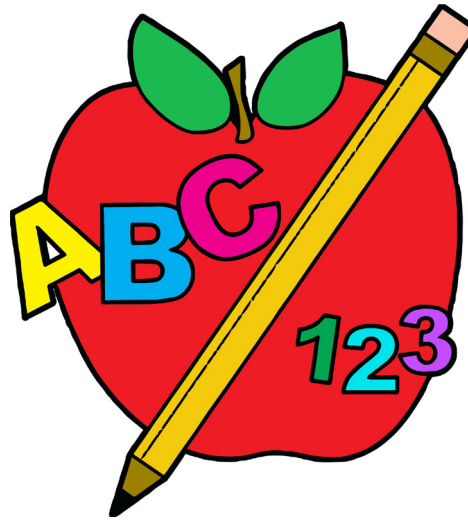


The Lancaster County School District wants all children to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Child Find reaches out to our community through the school district and provides help to families with children with special needs.

Child Find serves children from 3 through age 21 with services tailored to the special needs of the child.



## Child Find

Reaching Families with Children with Special Needs  
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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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***All children deserve a chance to reach their full potential.***

Child Find, a program designed to assist families and children who may need special education or 504 services, is here in Lancaster, SC to see that every child has that chance.



# Child Find

Reaching Families with Children with Special Needs

The Lancaster County School District ensures a free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities aged 3 through 21.

The Lancaster County School District has the responsibility to locate and identify all children with disabilities. Evaluations help to determine which children need special education and related services or 504 accommodations.

If there appears to be a delay in any area of your child's development, you may wish to seek assistance from Child Find. Even if your child is not yet school aged, your child may benefit from screening and evaluation.

The purpose of preschool programming for children with special needs is to provide early intervention services for the child. This early intervention may prevent some developmental disabilities from becoming more severe.

If your child is aged 3 - 21 , appears to have special education needs and has not been evaluated, Child Find can help identify appropriate programs.

## Identifying a Child with Disabilities

Children develop skills at different times and levels. Each child is different, with his or her own strengths and needs.

You should ask the school or your child 's doctor for help if your child has problems doing any of the following:

- identifying shapes, colors, and familiar objects that other children the same age can identify easily;
- speaking or putting together phrases and sentences the way that other children the same age can;
- maintaining balance and coordination;
- paying attention;
- following directions and remembering them; or
- learning or doing ordinary things that other children the same age can learn or do.

Ask the school or your child's doctor for help if your child does any of the following:

- pulls away from people,
- bumps into and trips over things,
- hears sounds but does not understand what someone is saying,
- spends lots of time imagining or never imagines,
- pulls at an ear or has pain in an ear, or
- wants to be alone for long periods.

## Child Find Wants You to Know Your Rights

Federal and state legislation mandate certain rights available to parents and children with disabilities.

Children with disabilities are entitled to many rights including an education that:

- is in the public school system
- is free
- is appropriate, and
- includes special education and related services or 504 accommodations to meet their unique needs.

If your child is residing in the Lancaster County School District area and may need special education or 504 services, please contact the Lancaster County School District Student Services Department today.

**Child Find services are for families with children with special needs aged 3 through 21 years.** This includes preschool children and students enrolled in private schools, students who are home schooled, and students enrolled in adult education.

For more information about the Child Find process, contact Lancaster County School District, Student Services Department.

The phone number is:

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