

GACHS



CHILD FIND

Do you know a child who may be in need of special education services? Graduation Achievement Charter High School Child Find Services can provide needed educational/related services if there is an identified disability.

Does the child demonstrate problems or difficulties in any of the following areas?

- Development
- Behavior
- Self-Help

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Overview

Child Find is a process that school districts use to identify, locate, and evaluate all children who live in the school district's zone of residence or attend school in the school district's zone, ages birth through 21, who are suspected of having disabilities that may result in a need for special education and related services. School districts must have policies and procedures in place to ensure the identification, location, and evaluation of these children; and public notification must be given before any significant Child Find activities are implemented.

Because GACHS has a state-wide attendance zone, it has overlapping responsibility with local city and county school districts to find students who are suspected of having disabilities. School districts have Child Find responsibility for all children suspected of having disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

This includes:

- Children ages birth through 3. Any children in this age range suspected of a disability will be referred to the state's early intervention program, Babies Can't Wait;
- Preschool children, ages 3 through 5, who may not be enrolled in a Georgia funded pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, including children who are parentally placed in private pre-schools or daycare centers outside the district;
- Children who are enrolled in a public school within the district, including public charter schools;
- Children who are parentally placed in private and home schools;
- Children who are attending charter schools within the district or in the area if it is designated as an individual district;
- Highly mobile children, including migrant, homeless, and children who are wards of the state;
- Children served in community programs such as rehabilitation centers, daycare centers, etc.;
- Children, ages 18 through 21, who are incarcerated in facilities operated by the local sheriff's office or other municipalities; and
- Any other children suspected of having disabilities.

Child Find Procedures

GACHS will employ a variety of strategies to ensure that children and students who may need special education and related services are identified and, if appropriate, evaluated. As a virtual school, GACHS largely focuses its Child Find activities via an on-line format that meets its target audience. Thus, GACHS will announce its Child Find activities to the public through its Website, Social Media posts, as well as Site based Postings. GACHS will also target the Private School population and Home School Population through notifications to organizations for Private Schools and Home Schools in Georgia. Finally, GACHS will notify community organizations such as Babies Can't Wait, Parent to Parent, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, and Georgia Division of Family Children Services.

GACHS will hold informational meetings twice a year for parents/students that suspect a disability may require special education or related services.

Additionally, GACHS will host a meeting once a year with representatives from Private Schools, Home Schools, and Community-Based organizations to address its Child Find activities.