

The Charleston County School District's Child Find activities include **free developmental and academic screenings** for students residing in or being educated in Charleston County who have not been previously identified as students with disabilities under IDEA Part B or Part C.

Screenings are offered for children from age 2 years, 9 months to age 21.

## 2017-2018 Child Find Screening Schedule:

August 24, 2017  
September 7, 2017  
October 5, 2017  
November 2, 2017  
December 7, 2017  
January 4, 2018  
February 1, 2018  
March 1, 2018  
April 12, 2018



### Location:

St. Andrews Campus  
721 Wappoo Road  
Charleston, SC, 29407

### To schedule an appointment:

Call 843-958-2700 or e-mail [childfind@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:childfind@charleston.k12.sc.us)

# What is Child Find

## What Services are Available:

The Charleston County School District's Child Find activities include free developmental and academic screenings for students residing in or being educated in Charleston County who have not been previously identified as students with disabilities under IDEA Part B or Part C.

If the child is identified as a student with an educational disability, specialized instructional services will be provided to address the child's developmental, functional and academic needs. Related services are considered if there is a reasonable basis to suspect that specialized support services, such as speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, are required for the student to participate in developmentally appropriate activities or to make progress in school.

## Who Can Refer Children to Child Find Screening Services:

- ◆ Parents of preschool children who are not enrolled in a public school program and who have concerns about their child's development
- ◆ Health care providers, community agencies, child care programs, and social workers with parental consent
- ◆ Parents of school-age children (ages 5 to 21) not enrolled in a public school program who suspect an educational disability

## What is the Process:

- A screening is scheduled and conducted on designated days each month. Child Find screening may include direct screening of the child's hearing, vision, speech, developmental skills and/or academic skills as well as a parent interview.
- The Child Find Screening Staff will review screening results with parents, provide recommendations, and make a Special Education Referral if an educational disability is suspected.
- If an educational disability is suspected, the parent is invited to an Evaluation Planning Meeting to determine the developmental, functional and academic areas that will be included in the evaluation and to obtain parental consent for evaluation.

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- Once parental consent for evaluation is obtained, the Evaluation Team conducts the comprehensive evaluation and invites the parent to an Eligibility Determination meeting to review evaluation results and discuss SC Eligibility Criteria for a student with an education disability.
- If the child has characteristics of a disability, the Eligibility Determination team must determine if the disability has significant adverse impact on a child's ability to make participate in developmentally appropriate activities or the child's ability to make education progress. Furthermore, the team must consider whether specialized instruction is required to ensure the child can participate in developmentally appropriate activities or make progress in the general curriculum.
- When a child is found eligible for special education services, the District will request parental consent for the provision of special education services.
- Once parental consent is received, the Eligibility Determination Team, including the parent(s), will develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or and Individualized Service Plant (ISP) to describe the instructional and related services that the child requires to participate in developmentally appropriate activities or to make educational progress in school.