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**http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-7-.03.pdf#search=child%20find**

**What are the disability categories?**

* Autism
* Deaf/Hard of Hearing
* Deaf/Blind
* Emotional and Behavior Disorder
* Intellectual Disabilities
* Orthopedic Impairment
* Other Health Impairment
* Significant Developmental Delay
* Specific Learning Disability
* Speech Language Impairment
* Traumatic Brain Disorder
* Visual Impairment and Blindness

**How Can Children Be Referred?**

A referral may be made by a parent or by any person concerned about a child. Parent involvement and agreement is obtained prior to any further action. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

**What is Special Education?**

Special Education is instruction designed to meet the unique learning strengths and needs of the individual student with disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years of age. It is defined as:

**\***Specifically designed instruction

**\***At no cost to the parents

**\***To meet the unique needs of a child with a disability

Special education services may be provided in a variety of educational settings, but are required by IDEA to be delivered in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

**Who is Eligible for Services?**

A student must be evaluated and identified as having a disability to be eligible for special education programs and related services. The degree of the student’s impairment must require special education.



**What is Child Find?**

The purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children and youth ages 3 to 22 years of age who are suspected of having or have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay, in order to provide appropriate special education services under the law.

**When Should a Child Be Referred to Child Find?**

A child should be referred when:

**\***A health or medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning

**\***A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing

**\***A child appears to have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn or interact with others

**\***A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child’s ability to learn

**\***A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like others that are his/her age

**\***A child’s speech is not understood by family or friends

**\***A child has difficulty with reading, writing, math or other school subjects

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*Do You Know a Child with Special Needs?*