

Special Education: Child Find

What is Child Find?

Child Find, an evaluation program available through W-A-Y Academy, identifies researchers who may be in need of special education services. Child Find offers evaluations to children suspected of having a disability, at no charge. Following the evaluation, eligible children are referred to appropriate programs and services.

What is a Child Find evaluation?

A team specializing in the areas of concern, works with the parents and child to determine eligibility for Special Education Services.

The Child Find Team and parents work together to determine the appropriate programs and services for eligible children.

The Child Find Team can include the following highly qualified specialists:

- Teacher Consultant/Special Education Resource Teacher
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist

Evaluation for Learning Disabilities

W-A-Y Academy will be using a Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses model to evaluate students for eligibility under the category of Learning Disabled (LD). The Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education no longer permit reliance on only the severe discrepancy model (discrepancy between IQ and achievement scores). If you have questions about this new process, please see contact information below. The Michigan Department of Education website also has additional information at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OSE-EIS_Memorandum_10-07_321440_7.pdf

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