

Federal, state and local regulations require all Illinois schools to conduct annual child find activities. Child Find is the process of locating, evaluating and identifying children with suspected disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

Naperville School District #203 is committed to locate and evaluate all children, ages three through twenty-one, within the district, with suspected disabilities. Although many school aged children with disabilities are identified and currently served by the district, pre-school children, ages three through five, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are available through the NCUSD 203 schools. Please call 630.420.3882 to schedule a pre-school screening.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in order to qualify as having a disability;

- Children ages 3-5 must have a documented deficit in one of the following:
 - Communication
 - Vision
 - Hearing
 - Motor Skills
 - Social Emotional/Behavioral Functioning
 - Self-Help skills
 - Cognitive Skills
- Youth ages 6-21 a disability is defined as either
 - Autism
 - Hearing Impairment
 - Vision Impairment
 - Orthopedic Impairment
 - Multiple Disabilities
 - Specific Learning Disability
 - Cognitive Disability
 - Emotional Disability
 - Speech and Language Impairment
 - Other Health Impairment
 - Traumatic Brain Injury

In addition and in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American's with Disability Act Amendment of 2008, Naperville Community Unit School District is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate and identify all children who have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, who may, because of disability need or is believed to need special services or accommodations/modifications.

If a parent or guardian suspects that a child may be eligible under either federal definition, please contact your School Principal.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees and concerned citizens are used to help school districts find any child, ages three through twenty-one, who may have a disability and need services. If you know of a child in the NCUSD 203 with a suspected disability who is not presently attending school or receiving services, please contact the Student Services Department at 630.420.6465. NCUSD 203 School personnel will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated, free of cost, for a suspected disability.

If you are a parent/guardian of a child aged birth to three who demonstrates significant delays or deficits in his/her development, please contact Child and Family Connections for the County in which you reside.

<http://www.wiu.edu/ProviderConnections/links/CFCList.html>