

Sumter County Schools

Child Find (Identification and Services for individuals with Disabilities)

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Sumter County School System implements a comprehensive Child Find system to assure that all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located, identified, and referred. The Child Find network assists in identifying and providing appropriate educational help to disabled children. If you suspect your child, ages 3-21, may be a child with a disability, you are encouraged to contact the Special Education Office of the Sumter County School System at 229-931-8519.

Personnel can support you in exploring what services may be available. Child Find also extends to children who are parentally placed in private and home Schools or homeless. Sumter County School System personnel are available to meet with parents or representatives from private and home schools to inform them of the district's Child Find procedures and services that may be available under the proportionate share of federal special education funds. If your child is enrolled in a private school or a home school and he/she has been identified as a child with a disability, or you suspect your child has a disability, you may also contact the Special Education Office of the Sumter County School System for further information.