

CHILD FIND



Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who may need special education services.

McCormick County School District has procedures in place to assist families and community entities in providing a continuous process of screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and evaluate children residing in the county with disabilities who may need special education and related services. This includes children ages 3 to 21 who attend public or private schools; those who are home schooled; and those who are homeless or are wards of the state.

What areas of concern are assessed at Child Find?

- Academic Readiness Skills
- Achievement Skills
- Cognitive Ability
- Communication/Speech/Language
- Vision
- Hearing
- Motor Skills
- Social/Emotional and Behavioral Skills



Frequently Asked Questions:

Who should I call for an appointment?

McCormick County School District conducts Child Find Screenings as requested throughout the school year. To schedule an appointment to have your child screened, contact the Special Services Department Chair, Jan Rushton/McCormick Middle School @ 864-443-0137.

What should I bring to the appointment?

- State-issued birth certificate
- Two proofs of residence
- Outside agency reports or therapy notes that you may have regarding your child

How long is a Child Find appointment?

- Initial appointments last approximately 1 hour.
- Some children will be referred for a follow-up appointment if needed. These appointments will range from 45 minutes to 2 hours.

Where are Child Find appointments conducted?

- Appointments for preschool-age children and school-age children are conducted at the McCormick School District Education Complex.

What happens after my initial Child Find appointment?

- A team of Child Find evaluators will provide you with next steps following your appointment based on your child's individual needs.
- Possible next steps could include recommendations or a follow up Child Find appointment for further evaluation.