Child Find Notice

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As required by Federal and State regulations, the Chardon Local School District engages in ongoing Child Find services to locate, identify, and provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for all children between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) who have a disability and reside in the Chardon Local School District.

Child Find activities are conducted to create public awareness of special education programs, to advise the public of the rights of students, and to alert community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities.

In Ohio, Child Find is a legal requirement for all school districts to actively locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities who may need special education and related services. This includes children from birth through age 21, regardless of the severity of their disability, and applies to those attending public, private, and even homeschooling environments within the district.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

What is Child Find?

- Child Find is a process mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Ohio law.

- It requires school districts to proactively seek out, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who may be eligible for special education services.
- This includes children with disabilities who may not be currently enrolled in public schools, such as those attending private schools, homeschoolers, and those who are homeless or wards of the state.
- Child Find aims to ensure that all children with disabilities have access to the educational support they need.

If you know of a child with a disability, or have a child suspected of having a disability, who is not currently receiving appropriate educational or related services, please contact Lindsay Baar, Chardon's Director of Student Services, at 440-286-0525.