

## **Child Find Policy**

It is the School's policy to assist the State of Ohio in identifying, locating, and evaluating all children who may have disabilities that may be hindering their ability to receive Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). The School is committed to affording all children their right to a free and appropriate education, regardless of any disability a child may have.

The School aims to identify disabilities such as autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment, including deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness.

The School encourages parents, guardians, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens to help schools find any child, birth through age 21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. The School will contact the parents or guardians of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving special education and related services.

The School has a child identification process that includes the location, identification and evaluation of a child suspected of having a disability. Meaghan Bush, EEG Office of Exceptional Children- 330-620-5861 coordinates the child identification process.