

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: CHILD FIND

DATE ADOPTED: June 20, 2017

POLICY STATEMENT – (SECTION 504)

It is the policy of the Colchester School District to undertake annually to identify and locate every qualified handicapped person residing in the District who is not receiving public preschool, elementary or secondary education, and to take appropriate steps to notify qualified handicapped persons and their parents and guardians of their rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop and implement procedures necessary to implement this policy.

POLICY STATEMENT – (IDEA)

It is the policy of the Colchester School District to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 22, residing in the District, regardless of the severity of disability, including those who are homeless, vulnerable adults or wards of the State, and those who are attending independent schools or programs of home study in the District, and who are in need of special education and related services. This effort includes identifying, locating, and evaluating highly mobile children, including migrant children, as well as children suspected of having disabilities who are in need of special education, even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop and implement procedures to carry out this policy. The procedures shall include a description of the practical effort to be made annually to locate children with disabilities, and to inform their parents of the availability of special education services, including those who are not enrolled in school; those who turn 3 years of age at any time after the school year begins and prior to the beginning of the next school year; those who may be suspected to have a disability and be in need of special education, although advancing from grade to grade; those who are attending private schools or approved programs of home study; and those who are highly mobile (such as migrant and homeless children).

The child find procedures shall provide for a number of different methods of locating children with disabilities, such as employing print media, oral communications (by presentations, radio, telephone, or similar efforts), and methods involving notices sent to others who provide services to children and families, (for example: hospitals, pediatricians' and psychologists' offices, and/or similar providers, social services agencies, parent advocacy groups, etc). Child find efforts for children with disabilities birth to 22 shall be co-coordinated with other public agencies serving those children.

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