



DERBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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CHILD FIND NOTIFICATION

The Derby Public School System is responsible for the identification of children requiring Special Education and related services.

Please be advised that this includes the identification, location, and evaluation of all children with disabilities, ages 0-21 who need special education and related services including;

- a. children enrolled in private schools regardless of the severity of their disability, including religious school children, elementary and secondary schools;*
- b. children who are highly mobile such as migrant and homeless children*
- c. children who are suspected of being a child with a disability and in need of special education , even though they are advancing from grade to grade.*

In addition, The State Department of Education in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) has instituted a state - wide system to provide early intervention services to eligible infants, toddlers and their families. This system is referred to as the CT Birth to Three Program. This system can be accessed by calling info-line, 1-800-505-7000.

IDEA further mandates that public school systems make every effort to locate pre-school age children, three to five years old, who may be in need of special services prior to their entry into the school environment.

Parents of young children exhibiting any developmental delays or concerns that may impact upon the pupil's learning in the future, should contact the Special Education Department, supervised by Dr. Lois Knapton, Director of Special Education, who can be reached at 203-736-5046.

Once referred, these youngsters will be assessed and evaluated by members of the Special Education Department's pre-school team. If deemed eligible, appropriate remedial programs will be planned for the child.

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