



**DERBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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**CHILD FIND NOTIFICATION**

The Derby Public School District is required by federal and state law (34 CFR 300.220.34 CFR 300.121) to conduct an annual “Child Find” effort as a means to locate, identify and evaluate every student, ages 0-21, with a suspected disability or giftedness within its jurisdiction, including: children enrolled in private schools regardless of the severity of their disability; religious school children; elementary and secondary schools; children who are highly mobile such as migrant and homeless children; 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 Education 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 who may be in need of special services prior to their entry into the school environment.

A Parent, Physician, Nurse, Psychologist, Social Worker, Administrator or other staff may refer a child for special services. Any child exhibiting any developmental delays or concerns that may impact upon the pupil’s learning in the future, should be referred to the Director of the Special Education, Dr. Lois Knapton, at 203-736-5046 or any building Principal.

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

Eligible students are entitled to a free and appropriate education, including specially designed individualized instruction for disabled students between the ages of 3 and 21. This law applies to EVERY eligible child, regardless of the severity of the disability and assures confidentiality procedures are followed.

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