



Make A Referral:

Anyone, including parents, teachers, school personnel, and community members can make referrals for special education testing. Send documents using the contact methods below.

Requested Documents:

Referral Form
Recent Hearing/Vision Screening Results

Proof of Enrollment at a Private School in DC (usually a letter from the school)

DC residency verification (Staff will contact DC residents after referral is received)

Suggested Documents:

Attendance Records
Report Cards
Standardized Test Scores
Work Samples
Prior-Evaluations (if applicable)

Contact Us:

Centralized IEP Support
Unit (CIEP)

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Information for Students in Private/Religious Schools

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is responsible for Child Find efforts by, locating, identifying, and evaluating all parentally-placed children, ages 5 years 10 months through 21 years old who attend a private or religious school and have a disability or are suspected of having a disability. We are here to help you identify any delays or disabilities that your child/student may have. Children who have been parentally-placed in a private/religious school will be evaluated, and if deemed necessary assessed, to determine whether they are eligible for special education services. If eligible, they may be offered special education services (i.e., equitable services). These services are available at no cost to families.

DCPS also provides educational support to the private and religious school community, through professional development opportunities. DCPS hosts quarterly consultation and collaboration sessions to discuss:

- ◆ Child Find process
- ◆ Proportionate share of IDEA funds
- ◆ Meaningful consultation process
- ◆ Equitable services
- ◆ Innovative instructional techniques and strategies in special education

DCPS serves children who:

- ◆ Have been parentally-placed in a private/religious elementary or secondary school in the District of Columbia, whether the family resides in the District of Columbia or not.
- ◆ Have been registered as a home school student with the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education.
- ◆ Have been parentally-placed in a private/religious elementary or secondary school in another state and the family verifies residency in the District of Columbia (DCPS is responsible for evaluating the student; if the student is found eligible, services will have to be rendered by the district in which the student attends school.)