

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should I call for an appointment?

- Call the Department of Special Services at 843-782-0022 or email at specialservices@colleton.k12.sc.us

Q: What should I bring to the appointment?

Please bring the following materials --

- State-issued birth certificate
- Immunization certificate
- Two proofs of residence
- Outside agency reports of therapy notes for your child

Q: Where are the Child Find Screenings conducted?

- Screenings for Preschool Children are conducted at Black Street Early Childhood Center
- School-age screenings are held at the child's respective school

Q: How long is a Child Find Screening?

- Initial appointments last around 1 hour
- Some children will be referred for a follow-up appointment if needed. These appointments will range from 45 minutes to 2 hours.

Q: What happens after the initial Child Find appointment?

- A team of Child Find evaluators will provide you with next steps following your appointment based on your child's individual needs
- Possible next steps could include recommendations or a follow up Child Find appointment for further evaluation.

Q: When will I know the results?

- You will be contacted with the screening results within 2-3 days.

Contact

Colleton County School District
Office of Special Services
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Walterboro, SC 29488
843-782-0022
specialservices@colleton.k12.sc.us



CHILD FIND

Colleton County School District



Who

Parents and caregivers who have concerns about their child in one or more of the following areas:

Academic/Readiness Skills

Achievement Skills

Cognitive Ability

Communication

Daily Living Skills

Hearing

Motor Skills

Social/Emotional/Behavior

Speech and Language

Vision

What

- Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who may need special education services. All school districts are required by federal law to provide free educational and related services to children 3 to 21 years of age with developmental delays.
- Colleton County School District (CCSD) has policies and procedures in place to ensure that families and the community are provided a consistent and continuous process of screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and evaluate all children residing the county with disabilities who may need special education and related services. This program includes children ages 3 to 21 who attend private schools; those who are home schooled; and those who are homeless and/or wards of the state.
- Parents, grandparents, teachers, and caregivers may make a referral. However, a parent or legal guardian must give written permission for screening to occur. **There is no cost for screening, evaluation, and/or recommended services.**

How

Parents/Guardians can take the following steps to begin the CHILD FIND process:

Call the Office of Special Services to schedule an appointment:
843-782-0022

Attend the CHILD Find screening with your child & participate in the evaluation planning conference, as appropriate.

Attend scheduled evaluation appointments with your child.

Participate as a member of the team to review evaluation results; discuss educational needs; and develop a plan to meet those needs, if appropriate.