



GOODRICH AREA SCHOOLS

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CHILD FIND NOTICE OF STUDENT SERVICES REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Goodrich Area Schools has a duty to locate, evaluate and identify any child residing in the District who qualifies for Special Education services or Section 504 accommodations or services.

Children eligible for special education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional/behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, or developmental delay and who, because of such an impairment, need special education services.

Children eligible for Section 504 accommodations or services include those children who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.

Upon request, Goodrich Area Schools is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services.

The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Amy McDonald-Lamiman, Director of Student Services, Goodrich Area Schools, 810-591-5222, or by writing her at alamiman@goodrichschools.org.

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