

Help Locate Children with Disabilities (Child Find Notice)

In accordance with rule 3301-51-03 of the Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools Serving Children with Disabilities, the Westlake City School District participates in an on-going effort to identify, locate, and evaluate all children aged three through twenty-one with disabilities residing within the district, including children with disabilities who are homeless, are wards of the state, or who are attending nonpublic schools located within Westlake, regardless of the severity of their disability.

A child is considered to be a child with a disability under rule 3301-51-03 if they have a cognitive disability (mental retardation), hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment (including blindness), a speech or language impairment, an emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, or multiple disabilities.

Some parents may not be aware of the programs and services that are available. If you suspect your child has a disability or if you know of a child who you suspect may have a disability, or if you have questions about special education for children with disabilities, please contact the Pupil Services Department by calling (440)835-6309 or emailing pupilservices@wlake.org

Additional information about child find obligations and special education in general may be found in *Whose IDEA is This? A Parent's Guide to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA)* available by contacting the Pupil Services Department or accessed online by clicking [here](#).