

The Metuchen Public School system is seeking to locate, identify, and evaluate all children, ages three through twenty-one, who reside within the Metuchen School District or attend nonpublic schools within the school district and who may be disabled.

CHILD FIND

Project Child Find was established by the New Jersey State Department of Education as a free public awareness and referral service to assist parents and professionals by identifying available early intervention programs and services for infants and toddlers through two years of age, and free, appropriate public education programs and services for pupils who are disabled three through twenty one years of age. Parents or other appropriate persons may refer children who are experiencing significant difficulties.

BABIES FROM BIRTH TO AGE 3 who are thought to have developmental delays may receive assistance from the Early Intervention Program. To access these services, parents should contact the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS) at 1-888-653-4463.

CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5 who are experiencing physical, sensory, emotional, communication, cognitive and/or social difficulties may be eligible for special education and related services through their local school district. Parents should contact the Metuchen Public School's Department of Special Services at 732-321-8700, x1006 for more information.

IF PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL AGE CHILD'S PROGRESS, they should feel free to discuss such issues with their child's teacher and/or principal. Parents have the option of making a referral to the Interventions and Referral Services Team, (I&RS). The I&RS team offers intervention procedures that are provided within the regular education school program. At times, more extensive interventions are necessary to assist the student. If the decision to undertake a full Child Study Team evaluation is warranted, the child's social, emotional and academic status may be assessed. Medical or other specialized evaluations may also be included at no cost to the parent. If a child is determined to be eligible for special education and related services, an IEP or Individualized Education Plan will be developed. The IEP will include a rationale for the student's educational placement and the basis for the program implementation.