
Child Find Notice

The Amesbury Public School District is committed to quality special education for all identified special education students from ages 3 through 22 years of age.

What is Child Find?

In accordance with IDEA, Massachusetts Chapter 71B, and CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations), all public schools must provide special education for children determined to be educationally disabled. The law requires a school district to identify such children from age 3 to 21 years of age. This law applies to all children, including those in non-public schools, pre-schools, and hospital settings whose parents reside in Amesbury. In addition, children of migrant or homeless families are entitled to public education.

Amesbury provides all resident children with the opportunity to participate in the public school programs using a continuous and systematic effort to identify children in need of special education services. Parents or service providers who suspect a child might have an educationally disabling condition are encouraged to contact their child's school. Amesbury Public Schools will arrange for the screening and evaluation of any students who are unable to progress effectively in general education because of a disability.

When are screenings scheduled?

The Amesbury Public School provides Child Find screenings during the school year at no cost to families. The purpose of the preschool screening is to identify any children, between 3 and 5 years old, who are at risk for developmental delays and may require special education services. Preschool screening will be held on June 2 and June 3, 2021 at Amesbury Elementary School. Interested Parents/Guardians should contact Helen Nadeau at Amesbury Elementary School, 978-388-3659, to schedule a screening appointment.

Questions regarding Child Find?

For more detailed information regarding referring a child for special education under Child Find, please join us for a virtual information session via Google Meet (meet.google.com/nvr-uide-nwn) on April 8th at 11am or contact either Lynn Catarius, Director of Student Services or Amanda Kennedy Posthumus, Special Education Facilitator, at 978-388-0531 for more information.

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