

**Exceptional Child Education**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Jefferson County Public Schools provide administrators of private schools, community agencies, child care centers, physicians, and parents of home-schooled children notification of the services available to children and youth with disabilities. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), local public school districts are responsible for providing free, appropriate public education to all eligible students within its jurisdiction. To that end, the Jefferson County Public Schools provides free assessment services for all students referred by parents, teachers, counselors, etc., because of a suspected disability.

The areas of disability include:

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| Autism                              | Multiple Disability          |
| Speech or Language Impairment       | Functional Mental Disability |
| Deaf-Blind                          | Other Health Impairment      |
| Developmental Delay                 | Physical Disability          |
| Emotional and Behavioral Disability | Specific Learning Disability |
| Hearing Impairment                  | Traumatic Brain Injury       |
| Mild Mental Disability              | Visual Impairment            |

If a 3 to 21 year-old is found to have a disability, a variety of services are made available based on an Individual Education Program developed by an Admissions and Release Committee (ARC). Service delivery options include general education, co-teaching services, resource classrooms, special classrooms, and special schools. Related services are also available based on individual student needs. Examples of such services include audiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and assistive technology. For students attending private or home schools, only speech and language services are provided by Jefferson County Public Schools.

Referrals for students suspected of having a disability are made by calling the Placement Office at 485-3170. The Coordinator of these services is Angela Franconia. District staff are glad to assist at any time during the referral process. The District also operates an ECE Parent Resource Center to provide support to parents. Parents may call the Parent Resource Center at 485-3346 to request assistance.

The Jefferson County Public School District has an obligation to actively seek and identify any child who may have a disability and be in need of special education services. In the effort to reach all segments of the population, I am enclosing a Child Find Poster. Please locate this poster in an area of your building that will be visible to all visitors. If you would like additional copies of the poster or have any questions, please contact Todd Elder at 485-3279.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Frohoff, Director  
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