



CHILD FIND

Locate | Identify | Evaluate

What is Child Find?

Child Find refers to the process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children and youth who may be eligible for special education services designed to meet their educational needs at no cost to families. Children and youth, ages birth to 22, living in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), who are suspected of having a disability may be referred for a possible evaluation to determine if they are eligible for special education services. This includes children and youth who are experiencing homelessness, highly mobile, migrant, wards of the state or enrolled in homeschools. Additionally, children who live outside of LAUSD but attend a private school within LAUSD boundaries may also be referred.

Who to Contact

Preschool Age Children

For children ages birth to 3 years and for preschool age children not enrolled in an LAUSD program, contact the LAUSD Early Childhood Special Education at (213) 241-4713.

For preschool age children enrolled in an LAUSD program (whether at an early education center program or a preschool classroom), contact the program or school where your child is enrolled.

School Age Children & Youth in LAUSD Schools

For school age children and youth enrolled in an LAUSD classroom or Virtual Academy, contact the child's LAUSD school of attendance.

School Age Children & Youth in Private Schools, Homeschools, or Students Who are not yet Enrolled

For school age children and youth ages 5-22 years who reside in LAUSD and are also attending private schools, homeschools, or who are not yet enrolled in school, contact the neighborhood LAUSD school. Parents/guardians may identify their school of residence at <https://rsi.lausd.net/ResidentSchoolIdentifier/>.

For school age children and youth ages 5-22 years who do not reside in LAUSD but are attending private schools located within LAUSD boundaries, contact the LAUSD Division of Special Education, Parentally Placed Private School Office at (213) 241-8101 or pppso@lausd.net.

School Age Children & Youth Enrolled in Charter Schools

For school age children and youth enrolled in a charter school, contact the child's charter school of attendance.

Assistance

If you need assistance making or directing a referral for an evaluation, please contact (213) 241-6701.