According to Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities. What is Child Find?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that a state identify, locate, and evaluate all children with a disability residing in the state, regardless of the severity of the disability. Child Find includes children that are homeless, advancing from grade to grade, enrolled in private school, wards of the state, migrant, 3 through 21 years old, or suspected of being a child with a disability. Child Find ensures that procedures are in place to address the identification, location and evaluation of all children with disabilities who reside within the school district or attend a private school within the school district’s geographical boundaries. This includes the developmental, functional, and academic needs of the child. Children may be referred for an evaluation by a Parent, Social Service Agency, Day Care Program, Hospitals, Public Health Facilities or a Physician.

If your child has a disability or if you suspect a disability, please contact:
North Central Local Schools
North Central Elementary School
Mr. Andy Morr/ Mrs. Amy Kramer
419/ 737-2293

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Our school district is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairment, speech or language disabilities, mental retardation or other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Our school has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of a child’s disability. But before we can serve children they must be found. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they cannot function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available. Our school district is interested in meeting the needs of the children with disabilities. If you know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for information or help.