

Special Education: Child Find

What is Child Find?

Child Find is available through Gobles Public Schools in collaboration with the Van Buren Intermediate School District. Child Find identifies resident children, ages birth through five years who may be in need of special education. With parental consent Child Find offers evaluations to children suspected of having a disability at no charge. Following the evaluation, eligible children are referred to appropriate programs and services.

If you suspect that your birth to five year old child may need special education services, please call the VBISD Project Find Department at (269) 539-5152.

For children ages six through 25, please contact your child's school principal. Eligible children are referred to appropriate programs and services.

What is a Special Education Evaluation?

During a special education evaluation, a team of professionals specializing in the areas of concern works with the parents and child to determine if the child is eligible for special education. Using the evaluation results, the team and parents determine appropriate programs and/or services for eligible children. The evaluation, programs and services are provided at no cost to the parents.

What are Special Education Programs and Services?

A variety of programs and service options are available in Van Buren County. Some of the programs and services include: early intervention services, special education preschool program, special education classroom, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, school social work services, physical therapy, and services for children with hearing or vision impairments. These programs and services are individually determined and provided to eligible children at no cost to parents.