







Child Find

Child Find refers to the federal requirement to locate and identify children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires each state and school to develop policies and procedures to outline activities to locate, identify, and evaluate students, who may have a disability and require special education and related services.

Element	Overview
<p>General Requirements</p> 	<p>Child Find activities are mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and require states and schools to develop policies and procedures to locate, identify, and evaluate children and students with disabilities entitled to special education and related services.</p> <p>Child Find activities apply to all BIE-funded schools and children who are between the ages of 5 and 21, inclusive.</p>
<p>Children and Students</p> 	<p>The federal regulation specifically indicates child find activities include children and students who are homeless, wards of the State or Tribe, highly mobile, and migrant children. Child find must also include children who are advancing from grade to grade, highly mobile, and migrant children.</p>
<p>Collaboration</p> 	<p>Child Find is intended to be an active process that encourages ongoing collaboration with Tribal agencies, the BIE, BIE-funded schools, public schools, and other agencies that are responsible for the oversight and care of children and students in the community.</p>
<p>Who is Responsible?</p> 	<p>Everyone is responsible for child find activities. It is the responsibility of all school staff to refer all students who are suspected of having a disability. Anyone who suspects a student has a disability should refer the child or student for an evaluation.</p>