

Child Find

The Caldwell Exempted Village School District is committed to the location, identification and provision of a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), for all children between the ages of 3 and 22, having disabilities. Location and referral of such children (Child Find) may be initiated by anyone with knowledge of the child and suspecting the child may have a disability. Please contact Jeff Morris, Director of Special Education, at 740-732-4614, with any questions, concerns, or names for Child Find referral within the Caldwell Exempted Village School District.

Students with Disabilities Served

- A. **Preschool Age Children (ages 3-5)** If you suspect your child, age 2 ½ to 5, may have a disability, please contact Gary Johnson, Director of Pre-school Services for the Ohio Valley Education Service Center at 740-435-0320. You can also contact Jeff Morris, Director of Special Education Services for Caldwell Exempted Village Schools at 740-732-4614.

All schools are responsible for locating birth thru 21 years of age with a suspected disability.

Caldwell Schools conduct **Response to Intervention** team meetings to identify students that may have a suspected disability. If you feel your child is having trouble accessing the general curriculum please contact your building principal for an appointment to discuss your concerns with the RTI team.

Continuum of Special Education Services

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) requires states to establish procedures to assure, "that to the maximum extent appropriate," students with disabilities are educated with children who are not disabled. Programs serving children with learning challenges as well as those with speech/language and other related services needs are available. Programs for children with multiple disabilities and for those with emotional/behavioral needs are available in selected buildings.

Inclusion Services - Regular Education Classes

Collaboration/consultation services focus on special educators and general educators working together to best meet the needs of students with disabilities as well as children who may be "at risk".

Team Teaching-Regular Education Classes Special Education Intervention Teachers co-teach with the General Education Teacher making accommodation for all students.

Individual/Small Group The Individual/Small Group Instruction program provides students with disabilities with support that helps to increase their opportunity to benefit from regular class placement. This is supplemental instruction which focuses on assisting students in becoming independent in the "process" of learning through the use of compensatory strategies, intervention support, and study/organizational techniques.

Special Class/Resource Room The Special Class/Resource Room serves children whose disabilities require a special education program on a part-time basis. Continued participation in the child's regular class activities is encouraged. The Resource Rooms offer an alternative curriculum which provides a student with a disability with a personalized option that is not offered in the general education program.

Home Instruction Home instruction is an individualized education program provided at home to a child with a disability which prevents the child from attending a regular or special program even with the aid of special transportation.

Related Services

Related Services are support services needed to allow children with disabilities to benefit from special education.