

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE FOR CHILD FIND: SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS, EDUCATIONALLY AT-RISK, HOMELESS, MIGRANT, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.**

It is the policy of the state of Missouri that all children with disabilities residing in the state, regardless of the severity of the disability, are located, evaluated, and identified. This requirement includes children attending school in a public school district. Children attending private schools, (including home schools), children who live outside a public school district, but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is the agency responsible for coordinating the planning and implementation of the child find activities for children birth to twenty-one.

The following state agencies participate in the planning and implementation of child find activities: **Department of Mental Health, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, and Department of Corrections.**

Please contact Dawn Eaton, Director of Special Services at 573-431-3300, ext. 1011 if you know of, or suspect that, a child, age birth to twenty-one years, needs special education services because of a disability, is homeless, is a migrant, or speaks limited English as a second language. Any information you provide is kept confidential and is submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as required by Federal Regulations.

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

North St. Francois County R-1 School District assures that it will locate, evaluate, identify and provide a free and appropriate public education to children with disabilities between the ages (3) three and (21) twenty-one under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include **Autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disturbances, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation/intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, and other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness, and young child with a developmental delay.**