

Annual Notice of Child Find

School Year 2017-2018

Under a mandate of the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act** of 2004 (IDEA), the NEXT School is to conduct activities to **locate, identify, and evaluate any child with known or suspected disabilities who attends the school.**

Categories of disabilities may include:

- developmental delay, mental disability, emotional disability;
- speech or language impairment, deafness and hard of hearing, visual impairment, deaf-blindness, orthopedic impairment;
- other health impairment, traumatic brain injury, autism;
- multiple disabilities.

A referral (request for possible evaluation) **may be made by:**

- parent/guardians;
- school staff member;
- or other concerned persons.

Referrals are made *when a person reasonably believes a child may be a child with a disability*, even if the child is advancing from grade to grade. Before referring the student, the person making the referral *must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.*

The NEXT School employs interventions for struggling students. Before an evaluation is conducted, the student should be enrolled in one of the intervention programs. However, the school may not deny a request or delay a request for an evaluation.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. **Referral forms may be requested by contacting Valerie Martin**, Special Education Coordinator, at valerie.martin@nexthighschool.org / (864) 416-4471

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