



Child Find Notice

Galena City School District (GCSD) identifies, locates, and evaluates children who may have disabilities and need special education or related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Who Is Covered

Galena City School District is responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating children ages 3 through 21 who reside within the District's geographic boundaries and may need special education services. This includes children attending public schools, private schools, charter schools, correspondence programs, and home schools, as well as children who are homeless, highly mobile, wards of the state, or who have been suspended or expelled.

Families may choose to enroll their children in a correspondence, private, charter, or home school program. If the student lives within GCSD boundaries, the District's Child Find responsibility remains the same. Students who live outside GCSD boundaries remain the Child Find responsibility of their district of residence, even if they are enrolled in a GCSD program. GCSD may assist with screening, referral, and evaluation coordination when appropriate, but this does not transfer Child Find responsibility from the resident district.

For infants and toddlers from birth through age 2 residing in Galena, referrals are made to the Alaska Infant Learning Program (ILP) through Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), which provides early intervention services under IDEA Part C.

Types of Disabilities

Children who experience difficulty learning, communicating, hearing, seeing, moving, managing health needs, or functioning at school because of a disability may qualify for special education and related services.

Educational Needs and Available Services

GCSD provides screening, referral, evaluation, special education, related services, and other supports designed to meet the unique educational needs of eligible children with disabilities. Services are provided in accordance with each student's individualized needs and in the least restrictive environment.

Screening and Referral

Parents, guardians, teachers, caregivers, and community members who suspect a child may have a disability are encouraged to contact the district. Screening programs may include health, vision, hearing, communication, developmental, academic, and other areas of concern. Referrals for special education evaluation may be made at any time.

Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

Evaluations are provided at no cost to families. Eligible children with disabilities have the right to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) at no cost to families.

Confidentiality and Parent Rights

GCSD protects the confidentiality of student records and provides procedural safeguards and parent rights as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Distribution Notice

This notice is published annually on GCSD and IDEA websites and is disseminated through district communications and other methods reasonably calculated to reach families and community members throughout the district and IDEA statewide correspondence program.

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