



Child Find

The Westport Community School District, in compliance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines concerning “Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Private School”, wishes to be made aware of any student attending your school who may be eligible for special education services. It is the responsibility of the Westport Community Schools to identify any child between the ages of 3-21 who is a resident of Westport *or* who is placed by their parent in a private school located in Westport *or* is a home school student, who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of the Westport Community Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or 603 CMR 28.00 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

The Westport Community Schools is committed to identifying children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three to four year-olds. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s development and would like to have him/her screened, or if you suspect that your child, at any age, may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services, you may request an evaluation at no cost.

The Westport Community Schools maintains a learning and working environment that is free from harassment, violence or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex/gender, marital status, homelessness, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status, pregnancy or any condition related to pregnancy, or military/veteran status.

If you should have any questions regarding a potentially eligible child or about the process in general, please feel free to contact Elaine M. Santos, Director of Special Education (508) 636-1140, ext. 4010.