

Lapeer County Intermediate School District

CHILD FIND OBLIGATION

Regulation/Rule

§ 300.111 Child Find (a) General. (1) The State must have in effect policies and procedures to ensure that—

(i) All children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated.

GUIDANCE

Public agencies (including local school districts and public school academies, hereafter referred to as “districts”) have the federal obligation to:

- Identify
- Locate
- Evaluate
- Inform the community at large on an annual basis of available special education programs and services

Districts have the child find obligation for public schools, private schools including parochial schools, and registered home schools.

Child find obligations extend to students in hospitals, childcare institutions, juvenile detention facilities and correctional facilities.

[Michigan Special Education One Pager: Child Find](#)

[County Jail and Child Find Guidance - Lapeer County](#)

CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES

R340.1832(b) LCISD is responsible for conducting Child Find activities for all eligible ages, birth to 26 years. Through a variety of venues and locations, information is disseminated to inform the public of the availability of special education programs and services. Methods of dissemination include:

- LCISD Website and Brochures
- PreSchool screenings for 3-5 year old children at various sites within the ISD
- Daycare/childcare centers
- Area healthcare agencies, hospitals, physicians
- Community Education/Migrant programs
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Newsletter
- Community Mental Health (CMH)
- County Health Department
- Headstart/GSRP programs
- Local Schools
- Parent groups

Early Childhood Procedures

Birth to Three - *Early On* - Lapeer County Intermediate School District

Early On offers early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age,

with developmental delays(s) and/or disabilities, and their families. Research has shown that by addressing delays early - especially between birth and age 3 - we can more effectively impact a child's development, even into adulthood.

Early On supports are provided by the Lapeer County Intermediate School District to families who reside within one of the five school districts; Almont, Dryden, Imlay City, Lapeer and North Branch.

Don't worry. But don't wait.

If you think your infant or toddler may have a delay, making a referral is easy. Call Early On - Lapeer at the First Steps Information Line 810-245-3994 or contact *Early On* Michigan.

Early On Michigan

Contact **Early On** at 1-800-EarlyOn or complete their online [referral form](#). Unsure if your child has a developmental delay or disability? [Learn more here](#)

First Steps for Families - [First Steps for Families](#) is a connection to early childhood in Lapeer County. First Steps for Families partners include the [Great Start Collaborative](#), the [United Way of Lapeer County](#), Help Me Grow Michigan and the Lapeer County Intermediate School District. Through these partnerships, First Steps for Families connects parents and caregivers to resources including quality child care, additional preschool programs, nutrition information, parent groups, local activities and more. **Text "Tots" to 33222**

Free Developmental Screenings for Young Children

Families with children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years residing in Lapeer County School Districts can complete a FREE [Ages and Stages \(ASQ-3\)](#) developmental screening, or Social-Emotional Screening if you have behavior concerns. It only takes 10 minutes to complete and you will receive your results via email or phone within a week.

PRESCHOOL AGE Procedures

If you are aware of a preschooler from 3 to 5 years old who has or may have a disability and is in need of special education services, call the LCISD First Steps at (810) 245-3994

SCHOOL AGE Procedures

The Child Find process begins when a parent, the local school or Intermediate School District (ISD) has a concern about a student's academic progress, functional development or behavior. If a child is having trouble in school, it is important to find out why.

When a written request for an evaluation is received, the district must provide notice and request parental consent. Consent is required before a school district can begin the evaluation process. [LCISD Parent Handbook and Procedural Rights](#)

MDE Family Matters [Initial Evaluation for Special Education](#)
[Special Education Process](#)

If your child is enrolled in school, contact the local district special education office for information regarding special education programs and services.

Title	Public Agency	Address	Phone
Coordinator of Special Education - Consortium for Exceptional Children	Almont Comm. Schools Dryden Comm. Schools Imlay City Comm. Schools	Consortium for Exceptional Children 2061 S. Almont Ave Imlay City, MI 48444	810-724-9853
Director of Special Education	Lapeer Community Schools	250 Second St. Lapeer, MI 48446	810-667-2401
Director of Special Education	North Branch Area Schools	6655 Jefferson Rd P.O. Box 3620 North Branch, MI 48461	810-688-3570
Director	Chatfield School	231 Lake Dr. Lapeer, MI 48446	810-667-8970
Director of Special Education	Lapeer County ISD	1996 W. Oregon St. Lapeer, MI 48446	810-664-5917