



## Rolling Hills Public Charter School

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### Child Find Notice

Child Find is a component of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

In cooperation with non-public school agencies, the Child Find program helps parents, grandparents, teachers, and doctors identify children and young adults who may need developmental assistance.

The program focuses on detecting delays or disabilities of children and young adults from age 3 through the semester in which they turn 21. They may be children who have difficulty walking, talking, hearing, or learning. They may have traits or behaviors that appear different from other children of their same age. They may experience discipline or relationship problems.

Screening clinics for children ages 3 to 5 or individual referrals help detect problems with speech and language, hearing, motor, or pre-academic skills. The screening and testing are conducted by educational child specialists and are offered free of charge. Both services are available to public and non-public school children.

In many cases, children may have no disabilities or delays, but are simply progressing at their own rate. In other instances, however, delays or disabilities may be detected.

If children with mild delays or disabilities are not eligible for intervention services, the school may be able to suggest ways that parents can help their children at home.

If the testing determines that a child is eligible for special education or related services, the public schools will work with the child's parents to design a program specific to their child's needs. The classroom teacher and appropriate staff will be involved, as well.

In any instance, early intervention can be effective in preventing or treating learning disabilities, if they are identified before the child is 4 years of age. If you think a child may benefit from special education or related services, contact the Support Services Department at **208-939-5400** to discuss intervention or screening opportunities.

Consistent with Federal and State regulations, Rolling Hills Public Charter School engages in ongoing "Child Find" services to locate, identify, and evaluate all students with disabilities residing within its jurisdiction, ages 3 through 21. Rolling Hills Public Charter School, in conjunction with the Idaho State Charter Commission, has the responsibility to provide appropriate services to students who qualify. Among the services which are available to the students include but are not limited to: resource room assistance, speech/language therapy, vision and hearing screening, developmental preschool program, and any other related services available to students in the public school.

Child Find activities are conducted (1) to create public awareness of special education programs, (2) to advise public of the rights of students, and (3) to alert the community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities from the age of 3 through the semester in which they turn 21. These children may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing, or learning, or may display behaviors that appear different from other children their age.

If you know of a child who is 3 through 21 years of age who may have individual needs that result from disabilities or developmental delays, and who is not enrolled in a school program, please contact please contact our School Administrator, **Mr. Shane Pratt** @ 208-939-4500 or [spratt@rhpcs.org](mailto:spratt@rhpcs.org). If you are a parent and would like more information, or if you want your student screened, please contact the above telephone number.