

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Child Find Notice

It is the responsibility of the Fall River Public Schools to identify any child who is a resident of Fall River who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of the Fall River Public Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations). This is to advise you of the availability of the referral process for Special Education evaluations for those children, ages three through twenty-two, who may be suspected to have a disability and may be determined eligible for specialized instruction and/or related services.

Special Education regulations require that principals, or other educational administrators, make specific efforts to first meet the student's needs in the general education setting. Those efforts include promotion of instructional practices and provision of adequate instructional support for students and teachers (MGL, c. 71B, section 2). If any student has been unsuccessful in making progress within the general curriculum, despite documented instructional support and effort, and is suspected of having a disability, any parent, caregiver, or professional may refer the student for Special Education evaluation. If you suspect that your child, at any age (3-22), may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services, you may request an evaluation, at no cost.

This notice applies to children residing in the Fall River Public School District who attend either public or private schools. Please contact the Office of Special Education at (508) 675-8421 ext. 55262 or email tsoares@fallriverschools.org for information about referring your child for an evaluation.

Sincerely,

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