

School District of Indian River County

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its regulations require that all states have policies and procedures in place to ensure that all children with disabilities within that state who are in need of special education and related services are "identified, located and evaluated." 34 C.F.R. § 300.111(a)(i). School districts are obligated to seek out and identify all eligible students with disabilities who may require special education and related services within their county.

If there is reason to suspect that a student may have a disability and needs special education or related services, the district is obligated to conduct an appropriate evaluation at no cost to the parent/guardians. This includes children with disabilities who are enrolled in public schools as well as those that may be homeless, wards of the state, attending private schools, charter schools, or who are homeschooled.

All students with a disability who meet initial eligibility for an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Exceptional Student Education (ESE), but do not enroll in the public school system are still entitled to a re-evaluation review by an IEP team every three years. Additionally, any student who had an IEP and then transferred from a public school to a non-public education setting are also entitled to a re-evaluation every three years.

If you believe your child may be a child with a disability requiring special education services and your student is enrolled in a public school, please reach out to your enrolled school. If your child resides in Indian River County, but is not currently enrolled in the public schools, please contact the Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) at (772)-564-5925. For questions regarding three-year re-evaluation reviews for students attending a private/charter school, Virtual School, or homeschooling, please contact Jessica Rojas, ESE Program Specialist at (772)564-6068 or at jessica.rojas@indianriverschools.org.

Quick Reference List

- If you believe your child has a disability and needs services, contact the ESE Department, and we can provide an evaluation for your child at no cost to you
- A team, including you, will meet to review the results and decide if your child meets eligibility
- If your child is eligible for services, a reevaluation review will be offered every three years
- Please call 772-564-5925 if you have any questions. We are here to help!

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