

Child Find Procedures

Edison School of Innovation will ensure that all children enrolled at the school who have suspected disabilities are identified and evaluated. The process of identifying and evaluating students with disabilities is important to the provision of educational opportunities for all students. Children, aged birth through three years, suspected of having a disability will be referred to the Arizona Early Intervention Program for evaluation and, if appropriate, services. Children aged 2.9 years – 5 years are screened by the child's district of residence. It is the process of identification, evaluation, and development of program, placement, and the provision of services – its sensitivity, its accuracy – that will determine much of what happens with students during the remainder of their educational lives.

This process is guided by a variety of laws and regulations regarding identification, evaluation, development of program, placement, and the provision of services enacted at both the state and federal levels.

Procedural Safeguards:

Children with disabilities and their parents are guaranteed procedural safeguards with respect to the provision of free appropriate public education. A copy of the procedural safeguards notice shall be given to the parent upon initial referral for evaluation. If you suspect your child of having a disability, birth – age 22, contact the school office for information.

If the school and parents or guardian do not agree on the identification, evaluation, education placement of a child with a disability, and provision of FAPE (free appropriate public education), either the school or parent/guardian may request any of the following through the Arizona Department of Education - Exceptional Student Services:

- **Mediation** – The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) will provide a facilitator trained in the mediation process to assist both the school and parent/guardian in resolving the issues.
- **Early Resolution** – The Arizona Department of Education will provide trained staff to assist both the school and parent/guardian in resolving the issues. This is normally handled by phone and the final resolution provided in writing by ADE.
- **State Complaint** – The Arizona Department of Education provides trained investigators to review all records when a parent/guardian files a state complaint in writing. ADE will determine if the school is or is not in compliance and issue the findings in writing.
- **Due Process** – A parent/guardian or the School may initiate a due process hearing. A due process hearing is overseen by a hearing officer and is the most formal method of resolution.