

CHILD FIND

OSB supports and participates in “**Child Find.**”

“Child Find” is a requirement of both Federal and State law. It mandates that each school district will locate, identify and evaluate, at no cost to the family, all students, ages 3 – 21, who may be suspected of having a disability.

Typically, the “Child Find” process is completed in the child’s home district by calling the local district’s special education services. OSB may work collaboratively with local school districts (also known as LEAs) throughout the eligibility process as a member of the team, or may complete the process independently, as appropriate.

Once a child has been referred, an evaluation will be conducted to assist in determining eligibility. Eligibility for special services is based on specific criteria established by Oklahoma SDE. Parents/Guardians who need assistance can call the IEP department at 917-781-8228.

The school accepts referrals from local education agencies (LEAs), education cooperatives and parents residing within the State of Oklahoma. The LEAs are advised of all referrals. Admission to the school is accomplished through application directly from parents or guardians.

A regulation passed in 2012 requires that information regarding services available from OSB and OSD be provided at every IEP meeting for the students that have visual impairments and/or hearing loss. OSB is committed to ensuring that the provisions of IDEA (94-142) – Public Law 101-476 are met and towards this end, cooperate with the LEA’s.

When OSB accepts a child it begins collaboration with the LEA who is ultimately responsible for the services for the student. Placement is reviewed at least annually to ensure that OSB is the optimal placement to meet the student’s needs. Should placement at OSB not be successful, the student will be referred back to the home district.

OSB will be available to assist in the transition back to public school.