

**Child Find**

The Abington Public Schools, at least annually, reaches out to groups in the community who may be aware of students in need of special education and/or related services. These groups include shelters servicing students eligible for support according to the McKinney Vento Education Act for Homeless Children, group homes, agencies, parental and community organizations, other private or public schools, early intervention, and health care agencies.

Parents, who are concerned about their child’s development, may contact the Student Services Department at 781-982-2175 to request an evaluation as early as two and a half years old. All parents of two- and three-year-old children receive this notification annually.

Local physicians, daycare providers, and preschools in Abington are encouraged to assist Abington in finding eligible students. School districts must conduct child find activities to identify Abington resident students whose parents have placed in a private school and who may have disabilities, including those students with special education needs placed in private schools out of state by their parents. In the fall, notice is sent to all private schools where Abington students attend and in January another letter is sent to these schools.

The districts conduct outreach with those groups below from which promotion or transfer of students in need of special education may be expected, or which would include students in need of special education:

* Professionals in the community
* Private nursery schools
* Day care facilities
* Group homes
* Parent organizations
* Clinical/ health care agencies
* Early intervention programs
* Private/ parochial programs

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***“The mission of the Abington Public Schools is to provide all students with relevant, challenging educational experiences to prepare them to be engaged, responsible citizens and members of the global community.”***

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