



Students with Disabilities

Cincinnati Public Schools is conducting an Intensive Awareness Campaign in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004), the Ohio Administrative Code, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities.

Public school districts and the Ohio Department of Education are trying to **identify children with disabilities, from birth through age 21**, who may need special education and related services.

For children birth to age 3, a disability means an established condition known to result in either a developmental delay or a documented developmental delay.

For children ages 3 through 5, a disability means a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas:

- Communication
- Vision
- Hearing
- Motor skills
- Social emotional / behavioral functioning
- Self-help skills
- Cognitive development

For school-age children, a disability means a child has been identified as having one or more of the following conditions:

- Autism
- Deaf-blindness
- Hearing impairment (including deafness)
- Multiple disabilities
- Orthopedic impairment
- Other health impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Speech or language impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairment (including blindness)
- Intellectual disabilities
- Emotional disturbance

Your public school offers:

- Evaluation for all children with suspected disabilities, birth through age 21
- Education for all children with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years

When school staff is notified about a child who is suspected of having a disability:

- The child's parents are contacted and informed of their rights, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004), the Ohio Revised Code, and the State Board of Education's Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools Serving Children with Disabilities.
- Arrangements are made to review all information and documentation pertaining to the suspected disability.

If you know a child who is suspected of having a disability and is not being served, tell staff at the child's school or contact CPS' Student Services Department, (513) 363-0280.