



## LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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#### **Community Members:**

**To include but not limited to: Professionals in the community, Private Schools, Group Homes, Parent Organizations, Health Care Agencies, Early Intervention Programs, Parochial Schools.**

#### **Subject: Child Find**

It is the responsibility of the Lowell Public Schools to identify any child who may have a disability who is either a resident of Lowell or who attends a private school within the geographic boundaries of Lowell even if the student is not a resident of Lowell. This also includes students who are homeschooled.

Lowell Public Schools is also responsible for the evaluation of those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under Federal law, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or, Massachusetts State Law, 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

Lowell Public Schools is also committed to identifying children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three- and four-year-olds with disabilities. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development and would like to have him/her screened, please call the Special Education Office at 978-674-4322 to set up an appointment.

If you suspect that your child may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services, you may request an evaluation, at no cost, through the Lowell Public Schools [Special Education Office]. Please contact us at the following:

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978-674-4322  
[kporter@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:kporter@lowell.k12.ma.us)

If you have any questions you can also contact the Special Education Administrative Team:

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