



# Terrebonne Parish School District Special Education Department

**Child Search**

**Phone:**

**985-879-6400**

## **WHAT IS CHILD SEARCH?**

Child Search is part of the Terrebonne Parish School District's attempt to find children/adolescents in need of special education services.

## **WHO MAY BE REFERRED?**

Any individual, age 3 through 21, may be referred for an evaluation if he/she appears to need special services to receive a proper education.

## **WHOM DO I CONTACT?**

If you know of any individuals with disabilities, between the ages of 3 through 21 years, and are currently not receiving special education services, or any individuals who may be gifted and/or talented between the ages of 3 through 21 years, contact Child Search Department at Terrebonne Parish Special Education Office.

## **WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?**

With the consent of the parent(s), the child's school system will arrange for a complete evaluation. If children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, or children who are gifted or talented, ages 3 through 21, are in need of special education services, the parent(s) and the school system personnel will make decisions together.

## **HERE IS A GOOD REASON TO CALL:**

- 1. A child may have disabilities as a result of a low birth weight or a genetic/medical condition. Delays in developmental skills may be exhibited by difficulties talking, seeing, hearing, moving, learning, or with behavior. Failure to perform skills at the appropriate age/grade level may also be an indicator of a disability.**
- 2. A child may be gifted and/or talented. In Louisiana, Gifted refers to high intellectual or academic abilities, while Talented refers to a child exhibiting exceptional ability in art, music, voice and/or theater, greater than his or her peers.**
- 3. Dropouts**  
Programs are available for you. If you are 21 years of age or under and have dropped out of Terrebonne Parish School System or if you know someone who has, contact the Child Search Coordinator at your local school system.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Who?** This program is for your 3-5 year old child who has been evaluated by Terrebonne Parish School Board and is in need of an individualized education plan (IEP) to meet his/her educational needs.

**What?** happens after the evaluation? After the evaluation you will be notified by mail to attend an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) meeting. There will be discussion of possible program and placement options.

Your child may be eligible to receive different services based on the needs reported in the initial evaluation.

**Where?** The meeting will take place at your child's neighborhood school.

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting for your child.