

Washington Global PCS Child Find Policy

What is Child Find?

Washington Global is committed to ensuring that all students with disabilities are identified appropriately so that these students receive the appropriate individualized instruction to reach their full academic potential. According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004), State Education Agencies (SEAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are mandated to conduct Child Find, which is indicated as actively locating, evaluating, and identifying all individuals with disabilities aged birth through twenty-one (IDEA, 2004).

What is the role of Washington Global?

The law explicitly states that it is the duty of the both the SEA and the LEA to conduct these Child Find practices. Washington Global is cognizant of its school's role as an LEA to proactively engage in Child Find activities for all students suspected of having a disability. Therefore, if a Washington Global staff member or a student's parent suspects a student of having a disability, Washington Global will engage in active due diligence through its Response to Intervention (RTI) program (outlined in the Student Handbook) and if necessary, comprehensive evaluations, to identify students requiring supports in accordance with IDEA.

Also, if you suspect that your child has a disability, please contact Suzanne Brooks, the Director of Specialized Programs via phone at (202) 796-2415 or email at sbrooks@washingtonglobal.org. You can also alert any Washington Global staff member.

What should I expect after I notify a Global staff member?

After you notify a Global staff member, you will receive a call from the Director of Special Programs within 2 business days to provide you with information about the special education evaluation process.

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