

Does your Child Need Special Education Services?

“**Special Education**” means specially designed instruction, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability.

If your child is experiencing academic problems at school and you suspect your child has a disability talk to your child’s teacher. A problem solving team may be able to help in the regular classroom. A referral from the school or a request for formal evaluation from a parent sets the special education process in motion.

In order for a child to receive special education services, he or she must first be evaluated.

If you and the school district agree that your child is eligible for services, you and the school staff will plan your child’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), at an IEP team meeting.

**If your child is
5 –21 years old**

Call:

Your local education agency (LEA) :

Asheville City Schools	255-5001
Buncombe County Schools	255-5972
Henderson County Schools.....	697-4566
Madison County Schools.....	649-9276
Transylvania County Schools.....	885-7373

If right for your child, this program will:

- Evaluate your child
- Develop a special education plan for your child called an Individual Education Program (IEP)
- Provide special education and related support services

**If your child is
Not eligible or has
health needs**

It may be that he/she would qualify for a

• **Section 504 Accommodation Plan**

If your child qualifies, this program will provide accommodation or modification so your child can access a free appropriate public education (FAPE) through a 504 plan.

• **Individual Health Plan (IHP)**

This program provides a personalized care plan for your child with special health needs (asthma, allergy or other) while at school. It guides staff in how best to care for your child with special health care needs while in school. Contact your school nurse or call 250-5083.

Need further help?

Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center: 1-800-962-6817
Family Support Network of WNC: 1-888-810-2800 x 2
F.I.R.S.T. : 828-277-1315