

Notice to Residents of the Martins Ferry City School District

Child Find is the process of identifying, locating and evaluating all children from age three to twenty-one who may have a disability and may need special education and related, regardless of the severity of the disability. The district seeks to identify through child find, all children in the Martins Ferry City School District who attend a public or non-public school within the district or who are homeless or wards of the state, and who may need special education and/or related services.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that assures children and youth with disabilities a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE). The Martins Ferry School District provides a continuum of special education programs and services for preschool and school-age students with disabilities.

A child with a disability is a child having a cognitive disability (e.g. developmental delay), hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment (including blindness), a speech or language impairment, a serious emotional/behavioral disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf, blindness, or multiple disabilities.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are asked to help the Martins Ferry School District find any child who may have a disability and who may need special education and related services.

If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify Bethany Lucas, Special Education Coordinator by calling 740-633-1732.