



## Special Education

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Champaign Unit #4 School District is responsible for Child Find - seeking out and evaluating all students with disabilities who attend elementary and secondary schools within the District's geographical boundaries. This includes students who are homeschooled and reside within the District. There are specific requirements for this evaluation, including that it be completed according to federal and state guidelines and district criteria. In order to be eligible for special education services, a student must be evaluated by the District.

Students who are homeschooled and those attending private/parochial schools are included in the Child Find responsibility, and Champaign Unit #4 should evaluate those students who are suspected of having disabilities under the IDEA. Champaign Unit #4 has worked with homeschooling families and the not-for-profit private/parochial schools for many years to meet the needs of our students with disabilities through the provision of special education services and supports.

This letter serves to notify parents and guardians of their right to request an evaluation of the District if they suspect that their child has a disability. Champaign Unit #4 will determine, through screening and review of data, whether an evaluation is necessary to determine eligibility for special education services. Parent requests for evaluations may be made by contacting the principal of your child's private/parochial school; parents of homeschooled students should contact the Special Education Department at [spedsupport@u4sd.org](mailto:spedsupport@u4sd.org) or the number listed above.

Sincerely,

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