

# Department of Special Education Services

## Who is eligible for special education services?

Special education services are provided to students with disabilities as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA). Jefferson Township Local School District ensures that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) is made available to all children with disabilities between the ages of three and twenty-one.

## Child Find

Jefferson Township Local School District is in the process of locating, evaluating, and identifying children with disabilities, birth through 21 years of age, who may be in need of special education and related services.

For infants and toddlers, a disability means that a child has a delay in one or more of the following developmental areas: adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, physical development, vision, hearing, and/or social-emotional functioning.

For preschoolers and school-age children, a disability means having one or more conditions defined by federal regulations and state standards. These disabilities include: autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, deafness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment (including blindness), and developmental delay (preschoolers only).

If you know a child who may have a disability, please contact the District Principal (937) 263-3504. The school district will contact the parents of the child to discuss the next steps in the evaluation and identification process. This process is provided at no cost to the family. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving free and appropriate special education and related services.

## What services are available and how are services determined?

These services include integrated preschool programs for children with identified special needs ages 3-5 yrs.; general education teachers working with Intervention Specialists to meet the needs of students, kindergarten through grade 12; individual/small group instruction; resource rooms and special classes. Services are based on the individual needs of the student as documented in the Individual Education Program (IEP).

Other special education related services such as occupational therapy, adapted physical education, physical therapy, speech/language therapy and interpreter services are available based on student's IEP.

Jefferson Township Schools provides a work adjustment program to serve students with disabilities with career orientation, vocational assessments, work adjustment lab, work experiences and job training.

Students who require special programs that are not provided by the Jefferson Township Local School District, attend regional or state programs, i.e. Montgomery County Education Service Center, Ohio School for the Deaf.