

Helpful Agencies

The agencies listed below work with Williamson County Schools to find children who may need special education.

- Tennessee Early Intervention Services (TEIS)
- W.A.V.E.S. Early Intervention
- Head Start
- Community preschools and daycare centers
- Williamson County Health Department
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Children's Services
- Doctors and clinics

If you are concerned about a child you know, please contact one of these agencies. You may also call Student Support Services at Williamson County Schools at (615) 472-4130.



Williamson County Schools

Student Support Services
1320 West Main
Franklin, Tennessee 37064
Phone: 615-472-4130

The State of Tennessee and Local Education Agencies do not discriminate in evaluation or program on the basis of race, disability, color, religion, gender, age or national origin.

WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Williamson County Schools will become a district recognized nationally for students who excel in academics, the arts, and athletics.

Ensuring Education for Every Child

Williamson County Schools, in compliance with federal and state law, performs a countywide Child Find. Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) that requires school districts to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3 to 21 who need early intervention services or special education services. It is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screenings, and evaluations to locate, identify, and refer children as early as possible.

For preschool or school-aged children, a child can be referred for screening/evaluation by school personnel, the family, and/or individuals in the community (physicians, childcare providers, etc.) This should be done any time it is suspected that a child has a disability.

A screening/evaluation checks to see if children are developing and learning the way they should be compared to same-age peers. Screening uses a variety of assessments and observations to identify concerns in a variety of areas including but not limited to the following:

- Hearing
- Vision
- Communication Skills (speech or language)
- Social Skills
- Motor Skills
- Behavior/Adaptive Skills
- Academic/Pre-Academic Readiness Skills
- Cognitive Skills

Who can I call if I am concerned?

If your child is an infant or toddler under the age of 2.5 years, then contact Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) at 1-800-852-7157 . If your child is between the ages of 2.5 and 5 years and you are a resident of Williamson County Schools call Student Support Services at (615) 472-4130.

If your child is enrolled in a Williamson County school, report your concerns to your child's principal and the principal will talk with you about the next steps in the referral process.

If your child is home-schooled or attending a private school in the geographic region of the Williamson County Schools, call Williamson County Schools Student Support Services, at (615) 472-4132. The federal law of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires each school district to spend a proportionate amount of federal allocation for services for students with special needs enrolled by parents in home school or private school each year.

Every Child...Every Day