

CHILD FIND for Section 504's

Franklin County Public Schools maintains what are referred to as on-going “child find” activities. At least annually, the school division undertakes to locate and identify qualified students with disabilities and to advise the public of the school division’s responsibilities under Section 504 (and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). The school division will make every reasonable effort to identify and locate every qualified disabled student residing within the school division’s jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education and shall inform the individual with a disability and their parents or guardians of the school division’s responsibilities under Section 504.

As part of its child find efforts, the Franklin County Public Schools annually will publish a “child find notice” in local newspapers and student handbooks, and/or place the notice in locations such as physician’s and pediatricians’ offices, and public broadcasting channels where it will likely be seen and/or heard by parents of qualified students. Public notice may also include news articles and brochures that discuss the availability of appropriate services, the nature of disabling conditions, the advisability of early intervention, and information about how to make a referral of a student suspected of having a disability.