

# InvictusHighSchool

## Child Find Policy

Invictus High School, an Ohio community school sponsored by St. Aloysius Orphanage is participating in the effort to identify, locate, and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities.

If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for more information and help. Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-01 (B)(10) defines "Child with a disability" as a child evaluated in accordance with rule 3301-51-06 of the Administrative Code as having a cognitive disability (mental retardation), a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

The school will ask for information specifically about the nature of the child's disability, specific steps taken to address the disability, and what background or testing information is available regarding the child's disability. The answers to these questions along with additional information gathered by the community school will be used to determine if the school suspects a disability. If the community school suspects a disability the school will conduct an evaluation which may consist of interviews, observations, screenings, and testing. This information may be obtained from parents and the student, or from other agencies that have information about the student. This information will be used to decide whether the child has a disability what special services the child may need. All information collected will be held in strict confidence and released to others only with parent permission or as allowed by law.

Parents have the right to: Review their child's records; Refuse permission to release information (except as required by or permitted by law to be released); and Request that information they believe to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their child's privacy or other rights be changed. The school has a process to resolve disagreements about information collected. If you or someone you know has a child who needs assistance specifically related to a disability, you may contact:

Administrator/Principal: Dean Manke

Contact number: 216-539-7200

Address: 3122 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44128

Email: dean.manke@invictushigh.org

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## What is Child Find?

Child Find is the process of locating, evaluating, and identifying children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

### What is a disability?

For children ages birth to 3 - A physical or mental condition that may result in a developmental delay

For children ages 3 through 5 - A documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills

For children ages 5 through 21 - Identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness

Local school districts are required by federal and state laws to find children who may need special education services and related services.

### What is the purpose of Child Find?

- To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs
- To guarantee that school districts find children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention
- To enable eligible children to receive the special education and related services that are needed

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- To promote public awareness of disabilities

## How can you help?

If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify his/her school district. Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, childcare providers, physicians and concerned citizens are encouraged to help school districts find any child, ages birth - 21, who may have a disability and are in need of special education and related services.

## What happens next?

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 the appropriate special education and related services during the school day.

If you suspect a child may have a disability, help is available.