

Child Find

The Fairhaven Public Schools seeks to identify any child (ages 2.9-22 years) who may have a disability and is in need of special education services. It is the responsibility of the Fairhaven Public Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 71B, or 603 CMR 28.00 et seq. The Fairhaven Public Schools provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public schools programs and, in accordance with federal and state regulations, provides special education programs designed to meet the needs of children who are attending not only public schools, but also private schools at private expense and whose parents reside in Fairhaven.

Fairhaven Public Schools commits to identify children before their third birthday to provide FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education) by the age of eligibility and in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Diane Sullivan (Preschool Coordinator) at 508-979-4000 if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's development and if you would like to have your child screened. For further information regarding evaluations, please contact Jennifer Castanhinha (Director of Student Services) at 508-979-4000.

Please contact the building principal if you believe your child should be evaluated to determine eligibility for special education. Please submit your request in writing and include your child's name, date of birth, telephone number and a description of the suspected disability.

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