

CHILD IDENTIFICATION

MSAD #68 seeks to ensure that all children between the ages of three and 20 within its jurisdiction who are in need of special education and supportive services are identified, located, and evaluated -- whether those children live with their parents and attend MSAD #68's public schools, do not yet attend school, are tuitioned to schools in other units, receive home schooling, or are state wards, state agency clients or institutional residents as defined by Maine law.

MSAD #68's child identification procedure includes a unit-wide screening process offered at public expense to eligible students of school age to determine whether they may need referral to a pupil evaluation team and special education.

The child identification procedure shall also include, in addition to information sent out regularly to parents in the school unit, written notification of the school unit's child identification obligations sent on at least on annual basis to the following agencies, entities, and persons:

- Private schools within the school unit;
- The local Child Development Services;
- Homeless shelters within the school unit;
- Pediatricians and hospitals within the school unit;
- Licensed day care facilities within the school unit;
- Parent support groups within the school unit;
- Home schooling parents within the school unit; and
- State facilities and institutions within the school unit (i.e., jails, mental hospitals, etc.).

That notification shall request the assistance of the entity notified in identifying any children who may be in need of special education. The notice shall list the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person with the school unit. The school unit shall also publish this notification on a least an annual basis in the local newspaper serving the school unit.

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