

2022-2023 School Year

CHILD FIND NOTICE

It is the responsibility of the Ashland Public Schools to identify any child who is a resident of Ashland, who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of the Ashland Public Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

Ashland provides all children with an opportunity to participate in the public schools programs using a continuous and systematic effort to identify children in need of special education services.

The Ashland Public Schools will arrange for the provision and evaluation of children ages 3 through 21 who are unable to progress effectively in a regular program due to a suspected disability. Ashland Public Schools will also evaluate individuals in our district ages 16–21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school.

All programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation and disability. Contact the Student Services Department at (508) 881-0155 for more information regarding the evaluation process.

Regards,

Brittany Smeltekop

Director of Student Services