



Pee Dee Innovation and Leadership Academy

Public Notice: Child Find Responsibilities

Grades 2–5

Purpose. Pee Dee Innovation and Leadership Academy (PDILA) is committed to locating, identifying, and evaluating all children in grades 2–5 who may need special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Evaluations are provided at no cost to families.

Who is covered? All children ages served by PDILA in grades 2–5 who are suspected of having a disability, including students who are:

- Enrolled in PDILA (including new enrollees and transfer students).
- Advancing from grade to grade but struggling academically, behaviorally, socially, or functionally.
- Suspected of having a disability even if they have not failed or been retained.

What is Child Find? Child Find is an ongoing process to ensure students who may have disabilities are promptly referred for evaluation. If a disability is identified and the student is eligible, PDILA provides a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment.

How to make a referral. Parents/guardians, school staff, or community members may submit a written request for evaluation (referral) if they suspect a disability. PDILA will review existing information, obtain consent as needed, and complete evaluations within timelines set by law.

Examples of concerns that may prompt a referral include:

- Persistent reading, writing, or math difficulties.
- Attention, organization, or behavior challenges that affect learning.
- Speech/language concerns or difficulty communicating needs.

- Social-emotional or functional skill delays.
- Health or sensory concerns that impact access to learning.

Timelines & parent rights. Referrals are processed promptly. Written consent is required before an initial evaluation, and parents receive prior written notice, procedural safeguards, and copies of evaluation reports and eligibility decisions.

Confidentiality. Student information is protected under FERPA and IDEA.

Contact for Questions or Referrals
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Does Your Child Need Extra Help?

Child Find at PDILA • Grades 2–5

What is Child Find? It's how our school makes sure students who may have disabilities get the evaluations and services they need—at no cost to families.

Signs your child may need support:

- Struggles with reading, writing, or math
- Trouble paying attention or staying organized
- Difficulty communicating clearly
- Challenges with friendships, behavior, or emotions
- Health or sensory needs that affect learning

How it works:

- 1) You or a teacher shares a concern and asks for an evaluation.
- 2) With your written consent, the school completes evaluations.
- 3) We meet to review results and decide if special education services are needed.

Who can refer? Parents/guardians, teachers, or community members can request an evaluation at any time.

No cost to families. Evaluations are provided free of charge.

We serve Grades 2–5. If your child is enrolled at PDILA and you have concerns, we want to hear from you.

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PDILA is committed to providing equal access to programs and services. If you need this information in another language or format, please contact the person listed above.