

Services Available for Children **Experiencing Difficulties**

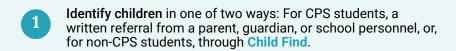
All children learn differently. If a child is exhibiting little or no progress in an area of concern after receiving interventions, they may qualify for special education and/or related services. Screening and evaluation are available at no cost to the family.



If your child is experiencing difficulties with any of the following, they might qualify for extra support.

- Hearing or vision challenges
- Physical challenges with motor skills, coordination,
- or physical movement
- Social interactions or emotional regulation challenges
- Challenges with speech, language, or communication
- Developmental delays or not meeting developmental milestones appropriate for their age
- Issues with ability to learn and participate in classroom
- Complications with processing information and focus

How to Get Additional Services





Child Find is an ongoing process in CPS that identifies, locates, and evaluates children from ages 3-21.

- After the request for an evaluation is submitted, the school-based team creates a referral. The team will then gather data to determine if a special education evaluation is warranted or not warranted. If an evaluation is warranted, the school team will notify the parent/guardian within 14 school days of receipt of the initial referral. Once consent is provided from the parent/guardian to conduct an evaluation, the school team has 60 school days to complete the evaluation process.
- If the child does not qualify for services, the team may consider eligibility under a Section 504 Plan or suggest other support.
- If the child qualifies for services, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team develops a plan to address the child's needs and goals.
- Each child's IEP is shared with the child's teachers and service providers. Specific responsibilities are carried out as noted.
- Progress is measured toward annual goals and parents are regularly informed.
- The team reviews the IEP at least once a year or as requested by the parents/guardians or school and revises as necessary. Reevaluation is conducted every three years.

Help Is Available



For more information or questions, please email the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) at osd@cps.edu or call the OSD Helpline at (773) 553-1800.



