

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that assures children and youth with disabilities a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. Blanchester Local School District provides a continuum of special education programs and services for preschool and school-age students with disabilities.

Child Find

The Blanchester Local School District is in the process of locating, identifying, and evaluating all children with disabilities, birth through 21 years of age, who may be in need of special education and related services. For infants and toddlers, a disability means that a child has a delay in one or more of the following developmental areas: adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, physical development, vision, hearing, and/or social-emotional functioning. For preschoolers and school-age children, a disability means having one or more conditions defined by federal regulations and state standards. These disabilities include: autism, cognitive disability, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, deafness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment (including blindness), and developmental delay (preschoolers only).

If you know a child who may have a disability, please contact the Blanchester Local Schools – Department of Student Services at (937)783-2681.

Special Education Documents and Procedures

- *Revised Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2014*
- *Notice to Parents and/or Guardians from Federal Court Regarding Release of Educational Information Held by the Ohio Department of Education*
- *Whose IDEA Is This? A Parent's Guide to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004*
- *Revocation of Consent Fact Sheet*
- *Special Education Model Policies and Procedures*

Special Education Forms

- *Prior Written Notice to Parents: PR-01*
- *Parent Invitation: PR-02*
- *Manifestation Determination Review: PR-03*
- *Referral for Evaluation: PR-04*
- *Parent Consent for Evaluation: PR-05*
- *Evaluation Team Report: PR-06*
- *Individualized Education Program (IEP): PR-07*