



Annual Notice of Child Find (Special Education Referral and Evaluation Procedure)

Upon request, The Midlands Stem Institute is required to evaluate the child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an evaluation planning team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. MSI locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in schools within the school district.

A school staff member who reasonably believes a child may be a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child is enrolled. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school or district in which the child is enrolled. Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Shante Johnson, Special Education Coordinator at Midlands Stem Institute via email sjohnson@midlandsstem.org or by writing to her at 112 Crane Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180. Our Child Find Notice be found at midlandsstem.org.