

Child Find

It is the responsibility of the Paradise Valley School District No. 69 to inform the general public and all parents within our boundaries of our responsibility to make available special education services for students with disabilities, aged 3 through 21 years, and how to access those services. In addition, we have a responsibility to provide information regarding early intervention services for children birth through 2 years.

We are responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities, including children aged 3 through 21, and for referring children, from birth through 2 years of age to Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) for evaluation and appropriate services.

We are also responsible for providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), which includes special education and related services to children with disabilities, at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge to the parents.

For all students new to the district, the classroom teacher will complete screening activities within 45 days of enrollment. The teacher will look at the child's ability in the areas of academics, vision, hearing, communication, social/emotional, adaptive development, and motor skills. If any concerns are noted, the child may be referred for additional help.

Children, birth through 2 years of age, who are receiving early intervention services and will be participating in preschool programs for children with disabilities, will be assured of a smooth transition into the program. We will ensure that:

1. Transition conferences for children aged 2 years/6 months to 2 years/9 months will be held.
2. By the child's third birthday, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed and implemented.
3. For the child who turns 3 during the summer, the IEP team will determine the date for services to begin, including eligibility for Extended School Year (ESY) services.

If you have concerns about a child you know, please contact Laura Bistrow, Director of Special Education, at 602-867-5115, for more information.