

CHILD FIND NOTICE

Mount Abraham Unified School District Annual Notification of Rights of Parents and Eligible Students

Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD), serving the towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to locate, evaluate, and identify persons with disabilities from birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education, related services, or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education; and to provide such needed services for children ages 3 through 21 including:

- children who are not enrolled in school
- children attending independent schools or home study programs within the five towns
- children who are suspected of having a disability, even though they are advancing from grade to grade
- children who are mobile or lack stable housing (e.g., migrant families, in transitional housing)
- and children who are in state custody or who are vulnerable adults.

If you know a child residing in the towns within MAUSD who you believe may have such needs but is not currently receiving services, please contact Beth McGeorge, Director of Student Support Services, at 72 Munsill Avenue, Suite 601, Bristol, VT 05443; email beth.mcgeorge@mausd.org or call 802-453-3657.

Children ages birth to 3: Services to intervene early and for eligible children ages birth to 3 years are provided through the Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention program through the Addison County Parent Child Center in Middlebury, Vermont, or call (802) 388-3137.

Children ages 3-5 years old: Services to intervene early and for eligible children ages 3 to 5 are provided by MAUSD. For screening, evaluations, or additional information contact the MAUSD Early Education Program located in Bristol, Vermont or call (802) 453-3674.

School-aged Children enrolled in Kindergarten through Age 21: Services to intervene early and for eligible children from kindergarten up to their 22nd birthday are available through the MAUSD multi-tiered system of support. If you suspect a child may need early intervention or support, please contact the building principal in the school in which the child attends. If the child is suspected of having a disability (i.e., autism, deaf-blindness, emotional disturbance, hearing loss, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech-language impairment, or specific learning disability), contact Beth McGeorge, Director of Student Support Services at beth.mcgeorge@mausd.org or call 802-453-3657.

Information obtained during Child Find remains confidential as required by Vermont Special Education Regulations and the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act. In accordance with MAUSD's policies and with 34 CFR Part 99 (the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974), this public notice informs all parents within their jurisdictions about how information is maintained when it is collected during identification, location, and evaluation of all people with disabilities.