

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines (Regulation: 16.13), the following Special Education records housed at Genoa Central School District will be destroyed:

All records six years after the date of last activity, including Special Education Due Process Records for any student dismissed prior to August 1, 2019. Records are destroyed annually.

Parties desiring a copy of his or her records before destruction must contact Tommie Crow at 870-653-2089 or Karen West at 870-653-7554 no later than July 31, 2025.

Child Find

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Genoa Central Schools has an ongoing “*Child Find*” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

To be eligible for services and protection against discrimination on the basis of a disability under Section 504, a student must be determined, as a result of an evaluation, to have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities. Major life activities include, but are not limited to, caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking,

communicating, and working. These also include the operation of a major bodily function, including but not limited to, functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

Genoa Central Schools will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help Genoa Central Schools identify any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed. All information is confidential.

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Genoa Central School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call (870) 653-2089 or send the information to:

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