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## **Public Notice: Child Find/Referral Process**

SAU 16 School District seeks to locate, identify, and evaluate all children who may have an educational disability in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New Hampshire state law. This notice is issued to inform the public about the district's child find responsibilities and the referral process for evaluation.

### **Referral for Evaluation**

Any person may refer a child under the age of 22 for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services. The reasons for referral may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failing to pass a hearing or vision screening.
2. Unsatisfactory performance on group achievement or accountability measures.
3. Receiving multiple academic or behavioral warnings.
4. Repeatedly failing one or more subjects.

### **Child Find Requirements**

The district's child find requirements apply to all children within the district, including highly mobile children, homeless children, and children suspected of having an educational disability, even if they are advancing from grade to grade.

In accordance with federal and state law, SAU 16 ensures the identification of children who may have disabilities, including those who attend private schools outside of the district's geographic boundaries.

### **Referral Process**

Referrals for evaluation can be initiated in a variety of ways. To refer a child for an evaluation, please contact the Director of Student Services at (603) 775-8646. This applies to children who have not yet entered kindergarten.

For children attending any school within SAU 16, individuals wishing to initiate a referral may contact the special education building coordinator at the specific school. For students in grades Pre-K through 12 who attend private schools outside the geographic boundaries of SAU 16, referrals should be directed to the Director of Student Services.

**Non-Discrimination**

SAU 16 is committed to ensuring that all children, regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, are provided with an equal opportunity for identification, evaluation, and services in accordance with IDEA and other applicable state and federal laws.

For additional information regarding the referral process or the evaluation procedures, please see the list below for who to contact based on the town you reside in, if your child attends CMS or EHS please contact the person listed for CMS and EHS.

Cooperative Middle School: Sonya Roche, Director of Special Education 603-775-8708

East Kingston Elementary School: Brandon French, Principal 603-642-3511

Exeter Developmental Preschool: Diana De Nitto, Director of Special Education  
603-775-8869

Exeter High School: Lisa Morin, Director of Special Education 603-775-8414

Kensington Elementary School: Becky Ruel, Principal 603-772-5705

Lincoln Street School: Diana De Nitto, Director of Special Education 603-775-8869

Main Street School: Diana De Nitto, Director of Special Education 603-775-8869

Newfields Elementary School: Suzie Griffith, Principal 603-772-5555

Swasey Central School: Ron Kew, Principal 603-642-3487

Stratham Memorial School: Raymond Pillsbury, Director of Special Education  
603-772-5413

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