

DISD also conducts Child Find for students who live in the DISD school zone or who attend a private school or are home schooled in the DISD school zone. Child find services are available for students ages 3-21 years.

- Parent or teacher of a private school or home school student contacts DISD Special Programs Assessment Staff (either Kathy Linkey, Assessment Staff Secretary, or Maggie Burk, Lead LSSP).
- An assessment staff or speech pathologist is assigned the case to assist the parent and or school through the Problem Solving Team process.
- The private school or parent of the home school student participates in a Problem Solving Team (PST) meeting that is facilitated by the assessment staff member. Interventions are discussed and put in place. Documentation of the interventions is kept by the private school or parent (if home schooled).
- The rainbow packet is given to the parent/ private school to complete.
- Upon receipt of the completed rainbow packet, another Problem Solving team meeting is held. The Problem Solving Team reviews all data and determines if the next steps, which could include continuing with the interventions, developing new interventions, or a referral to special education.
- If a referral to special education is made, the assessment staff member obtains consent and completes an assessment plan, which is submitted to the Lead LSSP. The Lead LSSP will then assign the evaluation to an assessment staff member.
- If the PST determines that additional steps need to be completed and that a referral to special education is not necessary at this time, the private school will remain in contact with the assessment staff member to schedule and future PST meetings.
- Upon completion of the evaluation, Kathy Linkey will schedule an ARD/ ISP meeting to review the results. If the student qualifies, the committee will develop a plan for 1 year. The ARD CF on the student's home campus will become case manager of the student's file, and an annual meeting will be held.

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Contact Kathy Linkey, assessment staff secretary, at 281-229-6087