

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT/CHILD FIND

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In accordance with Federal and State regulations, the Westwood Public Schools provides special education programs for eligible students designed to meet the needs of children attending not only public schools, but also those attending private school at private expense as a Westwood resident.

Westwood provides all residents with an opportunity to participate in the public schools program using a continuous and systematic effort to identify children in need of special education services.

Westwood Schools will arrange for screenings and/or an evaluation of those students ages 16-21 who have not graduated from high school and who are not now attending school, or children ages 3 through 21 who are unable to progress effectively in a regular education program due to a suspected disability consisting of a developmental delay, intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, autism, communication, physical specific learning, or health impairment or combination thereof.

For any child in your care for mental health/emotional difficulties, a screening or evaluation may also be appropriate in conjunction with health care recommendations.

If you are caring for a child ages 3-21 years of age who you believe has a suspected disability, and would require special educational services to derive educational benefit please have that child's parent or guardian contact the school district. For additional information or to refer a child, you can contact the Student Services Department at 781 326-7500 x 1345 (p) or Sue Maselli at smaselli@westwood.k12.ma.us

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The Westwood Public School system does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, gender identity, transgender status, gender transitioning, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, pregnancy/parenting status, marital status, sexual orientation, homelessness, or military status, in any of its programs, activities or operations. These include, but are not limited to, admissions, equal access to programs and activities, hiring and firing of staff, provision of and access to programs and services, as well as selection of volunteers, vendors and employers recruiting at the Westwood Public Schools. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, students, volunteers, subcontractors, and vendors.