

“Child Find”

The following is Keystone Montessori Charter School’s “Child Find” policy.

If you have concerns about your child’s development or progress in school, the following information may be helpful.

What is “Child Find?”

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 obligates schools to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities and guarantees eligible children with disabilities a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), based on the child’s unique needs, in the child’s least restrictive environment (LRE).

In compliance with IDEA, Keystone Montessori Charter School will conduct “child find” activities for children from birth through 21 years old.

The following are Keystone Montessori Charter School’s “Child Find” procedures.

Identification

Keystone Montessori Charter School will identify and locate children with disabilities within the school population who need special education and related services.

Keystone Montessori Charter School will ensure that those children who have already been “found” are receiving or directed to necessary services.

Screening

Keystone Montessori Charter School does not rely solely on parents to request special education services for their children. Keystone Montessori Charter School has a system to locate students

needing assistance. Keystone Montessori Charter School screens all children for disabilities within 45 calendar days:

1. after a child enrolls as a new student without appropriate records of screening, evaluation, and progress in school, or
2. upon notification of concern by the parent.

Keystone Montessori Charter School's screening procedures include hearing and vision status and consideration of cognitive, academic, communication, motor, social, behavioral, and adaptive development.

Keystone Montessori Charter School's screening does not include a comprehensive evaluation, and parental consent is not required before a screening.

Interventions

Keystone Montessori Charter School's screening process or review of school records (from former schools and the school of current enrollment) may indicate a concern. In that case, Keystone Montessori Charter School will take some action, including but not limited to the following possible pre-referral intervention strategies: vision or hearing acuity screening, social or emotional interventions, academic interventions, such as remediation or programmatic adaptations, referral to a pre-referral intervention team, etc.

Keystone Montessori Charter School may suspect that a child has a disability in need of special education and related services. If this is the case, the child could be referred for a complete and individual evaluation.

If you know a child that you believe may have a disability, please take the following action:

1. If this child is younger than 3 years old, please check the [Arizona Early Intervention Program](#) (AzEIP) or call 1-888-439-5609 or 602-532-9960.
2. If this child is 3-5 and of preschool age, please contact Keystone Montessori Charter School at 480-460-7312.
3. If this child is 5 (and in kindergarten) through age 21, please contact Keystone Montessori Charter School at 480-460-7312.
4. Keystone Montessori Charter School has a 45-day screening procedure for all students new to the school (not previously screened), which reviews hearing, vision, social/emotional/behavioral, psychomotor skills, academic, communication, and adaptive skills.