

Child Find

Dickenson County Public Schools provides special education programs for students with disabilities ages 2 through 21, inclusive. Every child with a disability has the right to a **free appropriate public education**. Services include programs for the developmentally delayed, autistic, severely and profoundly disabled, mentally retarded, specific learning disabled, visually impaired, hearing impaired, deaf/blind, orthopedically impaired, emotionally disturbed, speech/language impaired, physically disabled, other health impaired, multi-disabled, and traumatic brain injured children.

In order to provide a full range of services, Dickenson County Public Schools work closely with the Health Department, Child Development Center, Mental Health Clinics, Center for Independent Living, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, Community Services Board, Juvenile Court, Kids Central Inc., and other public or private agencies. This interagency cooperation helps to ensure the availability of programs and services that each individual with a disability may need. All services that are provided in Dickenson County are free of cost.

Early warning signs of disabling conditions may include difficulty in talking, seeing, hearing, mobility, social and emotional development, and cognitive skills development. If you know a child aged 0 through 5 years, whom you suspect is disabled or may be in need of service, please contact the Director of Special Education at the Dickenson County School Board Office at (276) 926-4643, or write to Dickenson County Public Schools, P.O. Box 1127, Clintwood, Virginia 24228. If you are aware of a student with a suspected disability in need of services, ages 5 through 22, who is not receiving special education services, please contact the above individual, or your local school principal.