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Wister Public School Child Find Policy 2024-2025

Notice To Parents Regarding Child Identification, Location, Screening, and Evaluation in the Wister Public School System.

Personally identifiable information shall be collected and maintained in a confidential manner in carrying out the following activities:

Referral:

Preschool children ages three to five and students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade who are suspected of having disabilities which may require special education and related services may be referred for screening and evaluation through Wister Public School. Screening activities may include vision, hearing, health, and educational history. Other screening activities may include review of records; interviews, observations; and specially-developed readiness or educational screening instruments.

1) Readiness Screening-Personally identifiable information is collected on all kindergarten students participating in school-wide screening to assess readiness prior to entry in first grade. Results of the screening are made available to parents or legal guardians, teachers, and school administrators. No child shall be screened for readiness or evaluated without prior written notice.

2) Educational Screening-Educational screening includes accepted procedures for the identification of children who may have special learning needs and may be eligible for special education and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

3) Evaluation-Evaluation means procedures used in accordance with Federal Laws and Regulations to determine whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services that the child needs. Written consent of the parent or legal guardian for such evaluation must be on file with the LEA prior to any child receiving an initial evaluation.

Child Find practices and activities include: Publication of the Child Find Notice in three local newspapers who serve LeFlore County, verification of placement for the public viewing of the Child Find and FERPA Notice in strategic locations within the Wister Public School District, and Pre-Referral Procedures for locating students who may need further screening and evaluation.

Collection of Personal Identifiable Information:

Educational records containing personally identifiable information collected by the school in the identification, location, screening, and evaluation of children shall be maintained in accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Policies and Procedures for Special Education in Oklahoma.

If you suspect a child of having a disability, you may call Wister School

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[\(918\) 655-3132](tel:9186553132) or [\(918\) 655-7481](tel:9186557481).