



2013-2014 PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Massachusetts Special Education Law 603 CMR 28.03 requires each Public School District to conduct screenings for children aged three to four years old. "Such screening shall be designed to review a child's development and to assist in identification of those children who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services."

If you have concerns regarding your child's development and would like set up an appointment to have your child screened, or if you would like additional information regarding the preschool screening process, please contact Kristine Camacho, Special Education Team Chair at (508) 867-8774 or at Camacho@tantasqua.org. Screenings are scheduled throughout the school year at dates and times that are mutually agreed upon between the parent and school district. Please note that participation in these screenings is optional, and appointments should take approximately 20-30 minutes.



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION - CHILD FIND

In keeping with the mission of Tantasqua Regional/Union 61 School Districts, and in alignment with the Massachusetts General Laws, this notice is provided as part of the outreach and ongoing liaison with resources within the Brookfield community. This is to advise you of the availability of the referral process for Special Education evaluations for those children, ages three through twenty-two, who may be suspected to have a disability and may be determined eligible for specialized instruction and/or related services.

Special education regulations require that principals or other educational administrators make specific efforts to meet student's needs in the general education setting. Those efforts include promotion of instructional practices and provision of adequate instructional support for students and teachers (MGL, c. 71B, section 2). If any student has been unsuccessful in making progress within the general curriculum despite documented instructional support and effort, and is suspected of having a disability, *any parent, caregiver or professional* may refer the student for a special education evaluation.

To request a referral for evaluation, please submit a letter in writing to:

Kristine Camacho
37 Central St.
Brookfield, MA 01506

Please provide the student's name, date of birth, current grade and school, parent's names, address and telephone numbers. You should include information about the child's needs, current performance/functional level and his/her response to instructional/clinical interventions, and suspected disability. Brookfield Public Schools' Special Services Department will review the referral information and contact the parent(s) directly. Written notice of the referral along with the evaluation consent form, if warranted, will be forwarded to the parent. Upon receipt of consent, we will contact you and your staff to assist us gathering information for the student's evaluation.

Please contact Student Support Services at 508-867-8774 if you need further information regarding the referral process.