



### When should a child be referred to Child Find?

- When a child is not meeting developmental milestones (communication, physical, thinking/reasoning, self-help and or personal/social).
- When the parent or guardian or someone outside the family is not able to understand what the child is saying or the child is having difficulty communicating/speaking.
- When a physical condition or medical disorder is interfering with a child's development or learning.

Referrals may be made by parents, pediatricians, local health agencies, early intervention programs, private daycare programs, Headstart, state Pre-K programs, and other child-serving agencies. Anyone can refer the child as long as the parents are in agreement with the referral. Please call Jackson County Schools and ask to be directed to the Preschool Department.

### Developmental Milestones for a 3-year-old:

- Runs easily
- Climbs well
- Walks up and down steps, one foot on each step
- Plays make-believe
- Builds towers of 6 or more blocks
- Copies a circle with a pencil or crayon
- Turns book pages one at a time
- Takes turns
- Separates easily from parents
- Shows affection without prompting
- Undresses/dresses self
- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Can name most familiar things
- Understands words like "in," "on," and "under"
- Says first name and age
- Names a friend
- Says words like "I," "me," "we," and "you" and some plurals (cars, dogs, cats)
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time (75%)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Be able to produce letter sounds /w,b,p,h,m,n/



### Developmental Milestones for a 4-year-old:

- Hop on one foot
- Snip with scissors
- Know age
- Count 3 objects
- Interact with peers
- Draw a circle and cross
- Avoid common dangers
- Play cooperatively with others
- Listen eagerly to stories
- Understand concepts of size, shape
- Use 4 + word sentences
- Ask and answer basic questions
- Produce sounds /k,g,t,d,y,f/
- Can say first and last name
- Able to be understood 100% of the time

### Developmental Milestones for a 5-year-old:

- Climb ladder on the playground
- Cut on a line
- Broad jump and gallop
- Draw simple figures
- Draw an X And square
- Wash hands and face
- Dress except for tying shoes
- Knows most colors
- Shares and take turns
- Have speech that is easily understood
- Knows day and night, today and tomorrow
- Gets along, contributes in group situations
- Produce all 3-4 year speech sounds

# The Screening Process

Based on your child's screening results a follow-up meeting may be recommended to determine if further evaluation or intervention is necessary.

## First Step:

- Referral of Student Concern
- Child Study Meeting/Screening Team review of the child's strengths and needs with the parent present.
- Determination of need. Interventions will be developed and monitoring to determine the need for further evaluation.
- Parental consent will be required for further evaluation.

## Second Step:

- Evaluation Appointment(s)  
Evaluations are conducted for area(s) of suspected disability.

## Third Step:

- Eligibility Meeting Team review of evaluations with a parent present.
- Review eligibility criteria in the area of suspected disability(-ies).
- If eligibility is determined, IEP is developed.

## What to Bring to the Screening Appointment:

- Proof of Residency
- Immunization Records Form 3231
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Number or Waiver
- Picture ID of Parent or Guardian
- Referral Packet from the District

## Helpful References:

**Better Brains for Babies:**

<http://www.bbbgeorgia.org/>

**Thirty Million Words Initiative:**

<https://tmwcenter.uchicago.edu/>

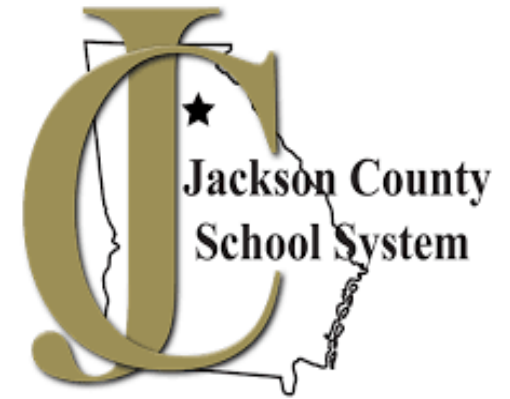
**GELDS:**

<http://www.gelds.decal.ga.gov/>

**Bright from the Start:**

<http://www.decal.ga.gov/>

**Child Find offers FREE screenings and/or evaluations for children who are from three to five years of age, suspected of having a developmental delay or disability.**



**Child Find Preschool Special  
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Ages 3-5**



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