

**Child find obligation and Student Services:** Under the state and federal laws governing students "at risk" or with disabilities under IDEA and/or Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, districts must undertake activities to "find" children with disabilities eligible for federally funded services, and must advise of the alternative educational programming opportunities. The following is an appropriate notice for annual publication in the first class notice section of the district's official newspaper:

**Child Find and Student Services** The Rio School District must locate, identify, and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. The school district has a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the Rio District and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request, the Rio District will screen any resident child who has not graduated from high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Mark McGuire, District Administrator, 920-992-3141, Ext 119 (or by writing him at 411 Church Street, Rio, WI 53960.

Children, ages three to twenty-one, suspected of having a disability should be referred to the Director of Pupil Services, who in turn will see that all necessary evaluations are conducted. Evaluations will be completed by the IEP (Individual Education Program) team members after parental permission has been secured. The IEP team will determine if the child has a disability and is in need of special education services. An appropriate placement will be made by the IEP team including parent(s)/guardian(s) and appropriate required school personnel. All procedures followed in the identification and provision of service to children with a disability will be conducted in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

Programs have been designed to improve and expand educational opportunities for students including homebound instruction, gifted and talented enhanced opportunities, and children at risk, following compulsory school attendance guidelines as stated in Wis. Stat. § 118.15. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may request, in writing, program or curriculum modifications to a child's current academic program, a school work training or work study program, enrollment in an alternative public school or program or in any nonsectarian private school or program located in the Rio District which complies with certain federal requirements, and enrollment in any public educational program located outside the District pursuant to a contractual agreement between the school districts in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. Requests shall be directed to the school principal. A written decision of a request will be provided within 90 days, except a decision will be rendered within 30 days if a child has been evaluated and determined to be a child with a disability. A child's parent or guardian may request the school board to review any decision made.