

Kalamazoo Public Schools

COUNTY JAIL and CHILD FIND

Regulation/Rule

§ 300.111 Child Find (a) General. (1) The State must have in effect policies and procedures to ensure that—

(i) All children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated.

Special Education and Title I, Part D

State and Local agencies, facilities, and programs receiving Title 1, Part D funds are required to work with children and youth with disabilities in order to meet existing individualized education programs (Sect. 14149c)(14)) and to ensure staff are trained to do so (Sect. 1425(5)). Part D recipients also are required to notify local schools of youth who are identified as in need of special education services while in custody (Sect. 1414 ©(14)(A) and Sect. 1425(2)) and to coordinate between programs working with students with special education needs (Sect. 1414(c)(8)).

GUIDANCE

Both federal and state laws require that every student with a disability receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). This includes students who are in community corrections facilities or juvenile detention centers.

School districts must ensure that all students with disabilities, including students with disabilities in community corrections facilities and juvenile detention centers, have access to appropriate educational services. These students must receive to the greatest extent feasible services in the least restrictive environment.

Students with disabilities in secure care settings are afforded the same protections in disciplinary proceedings as all other students with disabilities. These protections cover, for example, changes in placement, manifestation determinations, and provision of services in an alternative educational setting.

These protections apply if a student is being subjected to discipline within a secure care setting or is being removed to a more restrictive setting, such as solitary confinement or a lockdown unit.

The Sheriff's Office is divided into three divisions: the Operations Division, the Jail Division, and the Support Division. The Office of Emergency Management is housed within the Sheriff's Office facility which the Sheriff oversees. Each Division is commanded by a Captain who is supported by two Lieutenants or Administrators. Each supervises the daily operations of the various sections within their Division. The Jail Division and the Operations Division are assigned several Sergeants who supervise front line operations and personnel.

The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for over 105,000 residents in the County and patrols over 500 square miles making it the largest service agency in the area. The Sheriff's Office operates the County Jail that has a daily population of over 400 inmates. In addition the Sheriff's Office provides Marine patrols on the county lakes and rivers, off road vehicle and snowmobile patrols on the county trails, as well as security for all of the Kalamazoo County Courts. The Sheriff's Office is a participant in the regional Critical Response Team and the area Southwest Drug Enforcement Team.

The Jail Division, located at 1500 Lamont in Kalamazoo, MI., maintains all functions related to Jail and Inmate management. The jail regularly supervises over 400 inmates. All inmates are processed by deputies in Receiving, where they are fingerprinted, photographed and classified for placement in the jail.

The jail offers several programs including education, rehabilitation, mental health, ministry, and health care. Inmate work crews are employed throughout the county to help with many public works projects.

The Transport Section moves inmates to and from their court appearances, transports sentenced felons to prison, and picks up persons being held in other jails on outstanding Kalamazoo County warrants.

The Warrants Section houses and tracks the warrants for arrest out of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES

1. The Kalamazoo Public Schools Special Education Department reviews an electronic list for any inmate ages 18 - 26 to check for current eligibility.
2. Should any inmate be identified as currently eligible for special education services, the Kalamazoo Public School district and the district of residence will be contacted to coordinate services.
3. Adult Education instructors are educated annually on child find and who to notify if they suspect a disability.
4. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office will notify the Kalamazoo Public Schools Special Education Department of any new inmates that have identified that they have a disability and/or receive services.
5. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office provides a weekly list of inmates to the Kalamazoo Special Education Department. ***(May not be possible)***

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Adult Education - GED Classes

Provision of Services Flowchart