	113.5: CHILD FIND
1. Purpose	To describe the child find activities of the Southern Lehigh School District for the purpose of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Chapter 14 of the regulations of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.
2. Guidelines 22 PA Code 14.121 34 CFR 300.111 34 CFR 300.130-300.144	<u>Public Awareness</u> Public awareness activities must include information regarding potential signs of developmental delays and other risk factors that could indicate disabilities. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following public awareness activities occur annually regarding programs and services for children with disabilities who reside or attend school within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Lehigh School District, regardless of whether those children attend public or private schools: 1. Directly and in coordination with the constituent districts and charter schools and the Intermediate Unit, publish a written notice, in a newspaper or other media with circulation adequate to notify parents/ guardians throughout the school district, of child identification activities, of school district and other public special education services and programs, of the manner in which to request services and programs, and of the procedures followed to ensure the confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities per state and federal law. 2. Post conspicuously on the district website and in student handbooks or calendars the information as described above. 3. Display conspicuously in every public school building operated by the district printed circulars or pamphlets containing the information as described above. 4. The Intermediate Unit shall be responsible for conducting child find activities necessary to provide equitable participation services to students with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents/ guardians in private schools. <u>Outreach</u> The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following outreach activities occur annually regarding programs and services for children with disabilities who reside within the school district: 1. Offer parent/ guardian and family training and information activities and publicize the availability of such activities to all parents/ guardians. 2. Provide physicians, hospitals, mental health professionals, daycare providers, and county agency personnel training or other information concerning the types of special education programs and services available in and through the school district and how parents/ guardians can access those services. 3. Provide periodic training to general education staff of the school district concerning the identification and evaluation of, and provision of special education programs and services to, students with disabilities.