

NOTIFICATION TO PRIVATE
SCHOOLS & HOME SCHOOLS

TO: Private School Administrator or Home School Parent
FROM: Comanche Special Services SSA and your local school district
RE: Invitation to Participate in IDEA Funded Programs for Children with Disabilities Voluntarily Enrolled in Private or Home Schools

The purpose of this notification is to inform you of the conditions, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), through which special education and related services may be provided to children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled by their parents in private schools, including religious and home schools.

Child Find

The Local Education Agency (your school district) has a child find system for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities (birth through 21) residing in the school district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have a child or children residing in the following school districts: Comanche, De Leon, Cross Plains, Gustine, May, Rising Star, or Sidney whom you suspect of being disabled, you may initiate a referral for a full and individual evaluation by notifying your local school district or Comanche Special Services Co-Op at 254/893-2130.

Children who have not been identified through the child find process and determined to be eligible for special education and related services by an Admission, Review, & Dismissal (ARD) committee cannot be included in the determination of services described below.

Services to Parentally Placed Private School Children with Disabilities

The law does not require that services be provided to all children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private or home schools, or to every private or home school. However, every effort will be made to provide appropriate services with proportionate IDEA funds. If you will contact your local school district or Comanche Special Services SSA, you will assist us in our effort to accurately count all IDEA-eligible children enrolled in private and home schools. This count will help to determine how best to use the proportionate share of IDEA funds to meet the needs of children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private and home school settings.

If you have any questions, please contact: Craig Hopper at Comanche Special Services SSA 254/893-2130.