

Special Services Available for Students with Disabilities

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that mandates appropriate education for all learners ages 3-21, specifically those students with disabilities. The public schools of Central Cass, Kindred, Mapleton and Northern Cass participate in a special education unit known as the Rural Cass County Multi-District Special Education Unit. The obligation of this Unit and of these Districts is to provide appropriate education for students identified as having disabilities.

If you are aware of a school-age child in your community who may need special education services, please contact your school principal or superintendent. Processes are in place for screening and evaluating children to determine special education needs. School-based educational processes and evaluations are provided at no cost to the parent and are only provided with parent involvement and permission.

Each of the four school districts above provides screening services for young children of preschool age, 3-5 years old. If you have concerns about a young child's development or progress in learning or speaking, you may contact your resident school district to request preschool screening. You may call your resident school district, listed below and ask to speak with the preschool teacher. This teacher can arrange screening for your child age 3-5 years.

Central Cass School 347-5353

Kindred School 428-3388

Mapleton School 282-3833

Northern Cass School 874-2322