



## **Child Find**

It is the responsibility of i3 Academy to develop and implement procedures that ensure all children within its jurisdiction, birth to twenty-one, regardless of the severity of their disability and who needs special education and related services are identified, located, and evaluated.

Teachers, parents, physicians, therapists, etc. who have concerns with a student's developmental or academic progress can request a "Referral" to the school system to determine if the student needs specialized instruction.

To make a referral, please speak with your child's teacher, contact the school counselor, or call Susie Rich, Special Education Coordinator, at 205-403-5777.

You can also use the following statewide toll-free numbers below:

1-800-392-8020- (Ages 3-21)

1-800-543-3098 - (Birth-2)

1-800-548-2546 - (TTY)

## **Special Education Services**

I3 Academy provides special programs for disabled children in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or IDEA. I3 Academy provides appropriate educational and related services to all disabled students enrolled in our schools.

If you are the parent of a child with disabilities who is not receiving services, contact Susie Rich, Special Education Coordinator, at 205-403-5777.

## **Gifted Services**

Gifted students are those who perform at or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment. These students require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school

program. Students possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.

Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student. Additionally, all second-grade students will be observed as potential gifted referrals using a gifted behavior checklist.

For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of Aptitude, Characteristics, and Performance. The information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned determines if the student qualifies for gifted services.

To make a referral, contact the school counselor or gifted specialist at the student's school.