#### Our Mission:

The mission of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish is to provide high quality educational opportunities for the whole child built on the three foundational pillars of Prepared Mind, Healthy Body, and Performance Character.

### Our Vision:

The Vision of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish is to produce students who are well-prepared to face life's challenges and who have developed critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as a broad knowledge base and healthy lifestyle habits. The school's culture celebrates high academic achievement, fosters individual growth in athleticism and Performance Character, and promotes regular family engagement.





## **Child Find Procedures**

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## Child Find

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires schools to identify, locate, and evaluate children with exceptionalities, regardless of the severity, who may be in need of special education and related services.

Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish has procedures in place to assist families and other referral sources in providing a continuous process of screening and identification of students with exceptionalities who may be in need of special education services. These students include students who attend Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish or would attend Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, but also include students who are homeless students who are wards of the State, students who attend nonpublic/private schools, and children ages 3-5 years old who are not enrolled in school. Referrals may be initiated by parents, physicians, teachers, or other persons who have concerns about a student's educational achievement or developmental progress.

# Do you know a child who may be in need of special education and related services?

These children may demonstrate deficits in:

- Speech/Language
- Hearing
- Vision
- Cognitive/Intellectual Abilities
- Behavior
- Self-help
- Medical concerns (that affect development or learning)

## Examples of referral concerns:

- A child is not meeting developmental milestones (communication, physical, self-help, etc.)
- A parent/guardian, or someone outside the family is not able to understand what the child is saying or the child is having difficulty communicating/speaking
- A physical condition or medical disorder is interfering with a child's development and/or learning

Children may exhibit some or all of the above characteristics. Concerns are not limited to those mentioned above. Any concern that affects child's ability to learn may be the basis for a referral.

If you would like to refer a child, please complete the Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish Child Search Referral Form. Return the form to the child's school or the school the child would be attending.

The following documentation is required:

- Proof of residency
- Child's original birth certificate
- Parent/guardian identification or proof of legal custody or guardianship, if applicable.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

