

Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services and Programs, Services for Gifted Students, and Services for Protected Handicapped Students

Notice to Parents

According to state and federal special education regulations, annual public notice to parents of children who reside within a school district is required regarding child find responsibilities. School districts (SDs), intermediate units (IUs) and charter schools (CSs) are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, parents may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15. Also, school districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 Pa Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, parents may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedures in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence.

This notice shall inform parents throughout the school district, intermediate unit, and charter school of the child identification activities and of the procedures followed to ensure confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities or eligible young children. In addition to this public notice, each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school shall publish written information in the handbook and on the web site. Children age three through twenty-one can be eligible for special education programs and services. If parents believe that their child may be eligible for special education, the parent should contact the staff member identified for their school district of residence, listed at the end of this public notice.

Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are also eligible if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. Developmental delay is defined as a child who is less than the age of beginners and at least 3 years of age and is considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists: (i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas. (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help. For additional information you may contact Eric Bostick, Supervisor of Preschool/Early Intervention, Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15, at ebostick@caiu.org, or at 717-732-8400, ext. 8619.

Evaluation Process

Each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about procedures applicable to your child, contact the school that your child attends. Telephone numbers and addresses can be found at the end of this notice. Parents of preschool age children, age three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to Eric Bostick, Supervisor of Preschool/Early Intervention, Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15.

Consent

School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net. Once written parental consent is obtained, the district will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation results, the parent can request an independent education evaluation at public expense.

Program Development

Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professionals and parents determine whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the Individualized Education Program team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff, intermediate unit staff, and/or charter school staff will issue a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement/Prior Written Notice (NOREP/PWN). Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Confidentiality of Information:

The school districts, intermediate units and charter schools maintain records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained in the strictest confidentiality. Your consent, or consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under state law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The age of majority in Pennsylvania is age 21. Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. Each participating agency must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who have access to personally identifiable information.

For additional information related to student records, parents can refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

This notice is only a summary of the Special Education services, evaluation and screening activities, and rights and protections pertaining to children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. **For more information or to request evaluation or screening of a public or private school child, contact the responsible school entity listed below. For preschool age children, information may be obtained and screenings and evaluations may be requested by contacting the Intermediate Unit.** The addresses of these schools are as follows:

<p>INTERMEDIATE UNIT Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 Alicia M. McDonald 55 Miller Street Enola, PA 17025-1640 717-732-8400 www.caiu.org</p>	<p>Loysville Youth Development Center Clyde Caldwell 24 Opportunity Drive Loysville, PA 17047 717-789-5529 www.caiu.org</p>
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<p>SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES</p>	
<p>Big Spring School District William Gillet 45 Mt. Rock Road Newville, PA 17241 717-776-2422 www.bigspringsd.org</p>	<p>Camp Hill School District Tracey Quigley-Jones 2627 Chestnut Street Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-901-2400 www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Carlisle Area School District Rita Warren 623 W. Penn Street Carlisle, PA 17013 717-240-6800 www.carliseschools.org</p>	<p>Central Dauphin School District Lynda Lupp 600 Rutherford Road Harrisburg, PA 17109 717-545-4703 www.cdschools.org</p>

<p>Cumberland Valley School District Gaynelle Angelo 6746 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 717-506-3336 www.cvschools.org</p>	<p>Derry Township School District Kirsten Scheurich PO Box 898 30 E. Granada Avenue Hershey, PA 17033 717-534-2501 opt. 9 www.hershey.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>East Pennsboro Area School District Kathy Kramer 890 Valley Street Enola, PA 17025 717-732-3601 www.epasd.k12.pa.us</p>	<p>Greenwood School District Barbara Sheaffer 405 E. Sunbury Street Millerstown, PA 17062 717-589-3117 www.greenwoodsd.org</p>
<p>Halifax Area School District Matthew Czaplicki 3940 Peters Mountain Road Halifax, PA 17032 717-896-4056 www.hasd.us</p>	<p>Harrisburg School District Yolanda Goodwin-Humphrey 1601 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17103 717-703-1290 www.hbgasd.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Lower Dauphin School District Andrew McCrea 291 E. Main Street Hummelstown, PA 17036-1799 717-566-5318 www.ldsd.org</p>	<p>Mechanicsburg Area School District Paul Bigham 100 E. Elmwood Avenue Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717-691-4522 www.mbgasd.org</p>
<p>Middletown Area School District Krystal Palmer 55 W. Water Street Middletown, PA 17057 717-948-3300 www.raiderweb.org</p>	<p>Millersburg Area School District Jennifer Wicht 799 Center Street Millersburg, PA 17061-1420 717-692-2108 www.mlbgasd.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Newport School District Mary Kay Hunter 420 Fickes Lane, PO Box 9 Newport, PA 17074 717-567-2529 www.newportsd.org</p>	<p>Northern York County School District Shelly Thomas 650 S. Baltimore Street Dillsburg, PA 17019-1035 717-432-8691; www.northernpolarbears.com</p>
<p>Shippensburg Area School District Kay Gillet 317 N. Morris Street Shippensburg, PA 17257 717-530-2716 www.ship.k12.pa.us</p>	<p>South Middleton School District Connie Connolly 4 Forge Road Boiling Springs, PA 17007 717-258-6484 www.bubblers.k12.pa.us</p>
<p>Steelton-Highspire School District Keri Poston 250 Reynders Ave. Steelton, PA 17113-7645 717-704-3800 www.shsd.k12.pa.us</p>	<p>Susquehanna Township School District Mr. David Depew 2579 Interstate Dr. Harrisburg, PA 17110 717-657-5100 www.hannasd.org</p>

Susquenita School District Sonja Brunner 1725 Schoolhouse Road Duncannon, PA 17020 717-957-6000 www.susq.k12.pa.us	Upper Dauphin Area School District Leashay Zeigler 5668 State Route 209 Lykens, PA 17048 717-362-6573 www.udasd.org
West Perry School District Stephanie States 2606 Shermans Valley Road Elliottsburg, PA 17024-9706 789-3934 www.westperry.org	West Shore School District Timothy Dorsey 507 Fishing Creek Road PO Box 803 New Cumberland, PA 17070-0803 717-938-9577 www.wssd.k12.pa.us

COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL SCHOOL	
Dauphin County Technical School Jan L. Zeager 6001 Locust Lane Harrisburg, PA 17109-5631 717-652-3170 www.dcts.org	

CHARTER SCHOOLS	
Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School Timothy Wendling 150 Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-732-8450 www.casa-arts.org	Commonwealth Charter Academy Paulie Zozos, Director of Special Education 1426 N. 3 rd Street, 4 th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17102 Phone 717-651-7200 www.connectionsacademy.com
Infinity Charter School Suzanne Gausman 51 Banks Street, Suite 1 Penbrook, PA 17103 717-238-1880 www.infinityschool.org	Premier Arts and Science Charter School Danielle Sims 500 N 17 th Street Harrisburg, PA 17103-1549 717-234-3200
Sylvan Heights Science Charter School Timothy Hess 915 S. 13 th Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 717-232-9220 www.shscs.org	

The school entity or charter school will not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap, creed, marital status or because a person is a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. No preschool, elementary or secondary school pupil enrolled in a school district, intermediate unit, or charter school program shall be denied equal opportunity to participate in age and program appropriate instruction or activities due to race, color, handicap, creed, national origin, marital status or financial hardship.