

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.

In accordance with 34 CFR § 300.624, please be advised of the following retention/destruction schedule for the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA), Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), and Keystone Exam related materials:

- PSSA, Keystone Exam, and PASA test booklets will be destroyed one year after student reports are delivered for the administration associated with the test booklets.
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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:

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.



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INTERMEDIATE UNIT
Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15
Alicia M. McDonald
55 Miller Street
Enola, PA 17025-1640
717-732-8400
www.calu.org

Loysville Youth Development Center
Clyde Caldwell
24 Opportunity Drive
Loysville, PA 17047
717-789-5529
www.calu.org

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Big Spring School District
William Gillet
45 Mt. Rock Road
Newville, PA 17241
717-776-2422
www.bigspringdsd.org

Camp Hill School District
Tracey Quigley-Jones
2627 Chestnut Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
717-901-2400
www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us

Carlisle Area School District
Jill Condo
623 W. Penn Street
Carlisle, PA 17013
717-240-6800
www.carliseschools.org

Central Dauphin School District
Sherry Campbell
600 Rutherford Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717-545-4703x70276
www.cdschools.org

Cumberland Valley School District
Gaynelle Angelo
6746 Carlisle Pike
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
717-506-3336
www.cvschools.org

Derry Township School District
Kirsten Scheurich
30 E. Granada Avenue
PO Box 898
Hershey, PA 17033
717-534-2501 opt. 9
www.hershey.k12.pa.us

East Pennsboro Area School District
Colleen Livingston
890 Panther Parkway
Enola, PA 17025
717-732-3601
www.epasd.org

Greenwood School District
Barbara Sheaffer
405 E. Sunbury Street
Millerstown, PA 17062
717-589-3117
www.greenwoodsd.org

Halifax Area School District
Lisa M. Slover
3940 Peters Mountain Road
Halifax, PA 17032
717-896-4056
www.hasd.us

Harrisburg School District
Yolanda Goodwin-Humphrey
1601 State Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103
717-703-1290
www.hbgdsd.k12.pa.us

Lower Dauphin School District
Dan Berra
291 E. Main Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036-1799
717-566-5318
www.ldsd.org

Mechanicsburg Area School District
Paul Bigham
600 Norway St., 2nd Floor
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-691-4522
www.mbgdsd.org

Middletown Area School District
Krystal Palmer
55 W. Water Street
Middletown, PA 17057
717-948-3300
www.ralderweb.org

Millersburg Area School District
Jennifer Wicht
799 Center Street
Millersburg, PA 17061-1420
717-692-2108
www.mlbgsd.k12.pa.us

Newport School District
Mary Kay Hunter

Northern York County School District
David Borrell

420 Fickes Lane, PO Box 9
Newport, PA 17074
717-567-2529
www.newportsd.org

650 S. Baltimore Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019-1035
717-432-8691
www.northernpolarbears.com

Shippensburg Area School District
Margaret "Peggy" Crider
317 N. Morris Street
Shippensburg, PA 17257
717-530-2700
www.ship.k12.pa.us

South Middleton School District
Jessica White
4 Academy Street, Suite 100
Boiling Springs, PA 17007
717-258-6484
www.smsd.us

Steelton-Highspire School District
Keri Poston
250 Reynders Ave.
Steelton, PA 17113-7645
717-704-3800
www.shsd.k12.pa.us

Susquehanna Township School District
Carrie Martin or Bethany Peters
2579 Interstate Dr.
Harrisburg, PA 17110
717-657-5100
www.hannasd.org

Susquehanna School District
Sonja Brunner
1725 Schoolhouse Road
Duncannon, PA 17020
717-957-6000
www.susq.k12.pa.us

Upper Dauphin Area School District
Heather Haupt
5668 State Route 209
Lykens, PA 17048
717-362-6573
www.udasd.org

West Perry School District
Stephanie States
2606 Shermans Valley Road
Elliptsburg, PA 17024-9706
717-789-3934

West Shore School District
Geraldine Ryan-Washington
507 Fishing Creek Road
PO Box 803
Lewisberry, PA 17070
717-938-9577
www.wssd.k12.pa.us

COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dauphin County Technical School
Dr. Jan L. Zeager
6001 Locust Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109-5631
717-652-3170 x7123
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
Michelle Orcutt
One Innovation Way
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Phone 717-710-3300 x14160
www.ccaeducate.me

Infinity Charter School
Suzanne Gausman
5405 Locust Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717-238-1880
www.infinityschool.org

Premier Arts and Science Charter School
Danielle Sims
500 N 17th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103-1549
717-234-3200
www.pascscs.net

Reach Cyber Charter School
Gregory C. McCurdy
750 E Park Dr, Suite 204
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-704-8437
http://www.connectionsacademy.com/reachcyber-school

Sylvan Heights Science Charter School
Susan Roth
915 S. 13th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
717-232-9220 www.shscs.org

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