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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The East Allegheny School District is committed to providing an appropriate special education program for its exceptional students.

The following procedures are used for locating, identifying, and evaluating specified needs of school age students requiring special programs or services. These procedures, as required by law, are as follows: The district as prescribed by section 1402 of the School Code routinely conducts screenings of a child's hearing acuity (grade K,1,2,3,7, and 11), visually acuity (all grades), speech and language skills annually in the fall. Gross motor and fine motor skills, academic skills, and social emotional skills are monitored by classroom teachers on an ongoing basis. Specific needs from all of these screening sources are noted within the child's official file. These school records are legitimate "need to know" information about the child. Information from the records is released to other persons or agencies only with appropriate authorization, which involves written-signed permission, by parents. Any information concerning special education students is based on federal confidentiality regulations. However, when information is sent to a public school in Pennsylvania, parent permission is not required. Communication with parents and exceptional students shall be in English or the native language of the parents.

Screening information will be used to help meet the student's specific needs or to document the need for further evaluation. If it is determined that a child needs additional services, parents will be asked to give written permission for necessary individual professional evaluations. After all evaluations are completed, an Evaluation Report (ER) will be compiled with parent/legal guardian involvement and will include specific recommendations for the type(s) of intervention necessary to meet the child's specific needs.

Parents are then invited to participate in a meeting where the results of the multidisciplinary evaluation will be discussed. An Individual Educational Program (IEP) will be developed for specialized services for an eligible student who needs these services.

Parents are then presented a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP) with which they may agree or disagree. If parents disagree with the program being recommended, the issue may be taken to mediation or a due process hearing. Information about parents rights, mediation or due process procedures; specific Special Education Services (including gifted) and programs offered by the district; and the district's educational records

policy are available upon request from the building principal in a child's school. Information about Early Intervention is available from the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit (AIU) by calling Project DART at (412) 394-5816. A parent may request that the district initiate a screening or evaluation of their son or daughters specific needs at any time by contacting the building principal or the Director of Pupil Personnel. (Phone numbers are listed below)

Basic Learning Support, Emotional Support, Speech and Language Support, Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, Hearing-Impaired Support and Vision Impaired Support programs are located in the East Allegheny School District buildings. Students whose needs go beyond the programs available within the district may be eligible to attend programs in other schools.

Approved Private Schools serve students with severe disabilities whose needs cannot be met in public schools. These schools are private and are approved by the State Department of Education. There are many such facilities located in Allegheny County. Most of the facilities serve students with only one major exceptionality. Examples of these Approved Private Schools are: PACE School, The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the Pressley Ridge School. Services for students with severe disabilities are also available at Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 Centers (schools). An example of a center is Sunrise School. These schools serve students with various disabilities.

Transportation is provided for all school age special education students by the East Allegheny School District. Transportation for eligible early intervention students can be arranged through the AIU and/or the East Allegheny School District.

Further information about these procedures may be obtained by calling the Director of Pupil Personnel. If you have any difficulty obtaining information, you may call the AIU's Procedural Safeguards Coordinator at (412) 394-5838.

Green Valley School	Mr. Sean Gildea, Principal	(412) 673-9737
Logan Middle School	Mrs. Harriet Hopper, Principal	(412) 824-6053
High School	Mr. Gary Peiffer, Principal Mr. Raymond Morton, Asst. Principal	(412) 824-9700 (412) 824-9700
Director of Pupil Personnel	Mr. Mark Draskovich	(412) 824-8012

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In compliance with state and federal law Chapter 15, the East Allegheny School District will provide each “protected handicapped student” without discrimination or cost to the student or family those related aides, services or accommodations which are needed to provide an equal opportunity to participate in, and obtain the benefits of the school program and extra curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student’s abilities.

To qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to any aspect of the school. These services and provisions for protected handicapped students are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students seeking enrollment in special education programs (Chapter 14).

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provisions of services to “Protected Handicapped Students”, telephone Mark Draskovich at 412/824-8012, ext. 185 or write to East Allegheny Schools, 1150 Jacks Run Road, North Versailles, PA 15137.