

EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENT (S) / GUARDIAN (S) SPECIAL EDUCATION SCREENING AND EVALUATION 2015/2016

The East Allegheny School District is committed to providing a free and appropriate public education for all students requiring special education services.

The following procedures are used for locating, identifying, and evaluating specific needs of school age students who may require special education programs or services. These procedures are as follows: The district as prescribed by section 1402 of the School Code routinely conducts screenings of a child's hearing acuity (grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11), visual acuity (all grades), and speech and language skills during the beginning of each school year. Gross motor and fine motor skills, academic skills, social interaction skills and emotional development are monitored by classroom teachers on an ongoing basis. Specific needs from all of these screening sources are noted within the child's school record. These school records are considered "need to know" information about the child. Information from school records is released to other persons or agencies only with appropriate authorization, through a signed consent to release the information by the student's parents or guardians. Any release of school records for special education students is determined by all state and federal laws or regulations addressing confidentiality of student records. However, parent permission is not required when information is forwarded to a public school in Pennsylvania. Communication with parents and 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 potentially requires 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 team evaluation will be discussed. If the student is determined to be in need of Special Education services an Individual Educational Program (IEP) will be developed to specify the types of services.

Or student who are determined to be in need of Special Education services, the school district will issue a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP) which establishes the service and/placement recommendations of the school district. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student may agree or disagree. All disagreements between parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student and the school district are resolved through the Pennsylvania Department of Education

dispute resolution process. Information regarding 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 Coordinator of Special Education. (Phone numbers are listed below)

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.

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 Allegheny Intermediate Unit and/or the East Allegheny School District.

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

Logan Elementary School Grades K – 6	Mr. Sean Gildea, Principal Mrs. McEwen, Assistant Principal	412-824-6053
East Allegheny Junior/High School	Ms. Betsy D'Emidio, Principal, 9 – 12 Mr. Mark Draskovich, Principal, 7 – 8	412-824-9700 412-824-9700
Coordinator of Special Education/School Psychologist	Dr. Joseph Howell	412-824-8012, x3100
Director of Pupil Services	Mr. Mark Draskovich	412-824-9700

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ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENT (S) / GUARDIAN (S) PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS 2010-2011

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 Dr. Joseph Howell at 412-824-8012, x3100 or write to East Allegheny Schools, 1150 Jacks Run Road, North Versailles, PA 15137.