

# **PUBLIC NOTICE: Special Education Services**

The Conneaut School District hereby notifies parents and guardians of special education services available to eligible students of ages 3 to 21. If you suspect that your child may have a learning problem requiring special education services, there is help through the school district.

There is a variety of services available. Some services are in the district and some are in neighboring districts, depending on the individual needs of the student. All services are at no cost to the parents. The types of support include:

1. Early Intervention: for children 3-5 years of age with development delays or disabilities.
2. Learning Support: for students with learning problems in academic areas associated with learning disabilities or mild intellectual disabilities.
3. Emotional Support: for students with emotional and behavioral mental health problems.
4. Speech; Language Support: for students who require instruction in speech or language areas.
5. Life Skills Support: for students who require instruction in daily living skills and readiness for basic skills associated with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities.
6. Sensory Support: for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or have visual impairments.
7. Autistic Support: for students with autism or a pervasive developmental disorder.
8. Physical Support: for students with physical problems such as cerebral palsy.
9. Gifted Support: for students who are mentally gifted and need enrichment/advancement to their curricula.
10. Multi-Handicapped Support: for students who have a combination of disabilities, such as intellectual disability and a physical disability.

Students with disabilities who do not require special education services, but who need some accommodation, can receive support through Protected Handicapped/Chapter V service agreements.

The District participates in pro-active screening activities to help identify students who may be experiencing difficulties. The screening activities include the following:

Level I: Screening of group-based data such as cumulative records, enrollment records, health records, report cards, and group achievement tests. This is done when a student enrolls in the school district and after group testing is completed.

Level II: screening of sensory areas which include motor, hearing, vision and speech and language skills. This is done when a problem is suspected and/or required by the Pennsylvania school code.

Level III: screening by the Instructional Support Team (Grades K-6) which include the parent/guardian in determining strengths and needs of the student. The team determines strategies to use to help the student to be successful in school.

To refer your child for screening/evaluation, contact the Building Principal or Guidance Counselor.

Notice is also given to parent/guardians regarding confidentiality requirements for students who are referred for special education services. These requirements are found in both Federal and State regulations. Records generated by the identification, evaluation, and programming process are confidential and cannot be released outside the School District or Intermediate Unit without written parental consent. A copy of the Confidential Plan for collecting, disseminating, and destroying records can be seen at each school building upon request.

#### REFERRAL LOCATIONS

To refer your child for screening/evaluation, contact the following places;

##### Preschool to school age (Age 3-5)

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5

252 Waterford Street

Edinboro PA 16412

Phone: (814) 734-5610 or 1-800-677-5610, and ask for the Early Intervention Project.

##### Elementary Schools (Grades K-4)

Conneaut Lake Elementary School

630 Line Street

Conneaut Lake PA 16316

Phone: (814)683-5900 X8191

Conneaut Valley Elementary School

22361 State Highway 18  
Conneautville PA 16406  
Phone: (814)683-5900 X6326

#### Middle Schools (Grades 5-8)

Conneaut Lake Middle School  
10331 US Highway 6  
Conneaut Lake PA 16316  
Phone: (814) 683-5900 X2294

Conneaut Valley Middle School  
22154 State Highway 18  
Conneautville Pa 16406  
Phone: (814)683-5900 X2091

#### Senior High School (Grades 9-12)

Conneaut Area Senior High School  
302 West School Drive  
Linesville Pa 16424  
Phone: (814)683-5900 X5551

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Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center

#### Mission Statement

Reflecting the Common Bonds of Community

The Mission of the PEAL Center is to ensure that

children, youth, and adults with disabilities and special health care needs

lead rich, active lives and participate as

full members of their schools and communities

by providing training, information, and technical assistance

based on best practices to individuals, families and

all people who support them.