

- Follow the Olentangy Parent Mentors on Twitter (@OLSD_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone).

Pupil Services Update

Report Cards and IEP Progress Reports were made available to parents on October 21st in PowerSchool. For tips on staying connected, click [here](#).

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[Jonathan Martinis](#) [Learning Series on the Supported Decision Model](#)

Model: A virtual training series from State Support Team 11

November 16th, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

[Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat](#)

November 30th, 6:30 PM

[Special Education Resource Series](#)

(SERS): Dyslexia in Olentangy Schools



The Difference Between an IEP and a Section 504 Plan



What is Neurodiversity?

What's the difference between an IEP and a Section 504 plan? Check out this [great resource from A Day In Our Shoes](#) to learn the differences and see which might be best for your child. Keep in mind that an IEP is managed by an Intervention Specialist who provides the specially designed instruction needed by the student while a Section 504 Plan is managed by a Case Manager and executed by the student's general education teachers.

"Neurodiversity" is a popular term that's used to describe differences in the way people's brains work. The idea is that there's no "correct" way for the brain to work. Instead, there is a wide range of ways that people perceive and respond to the world, and these differences are to be embraced and encouraged. Check out this [resource from The ChildMind Institute](#) to learn what neurodiversity is and how you can help support your child who is neurodivergent.

Columbus Zoo Sensory Friendly Events

The [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has Sensory Friendly Events](#) coming up on their schedule including a Sensory-Friendly Light Stroll on November 15th, and a Sensory-Friendly Santa Experience on November 15th and December 11th.



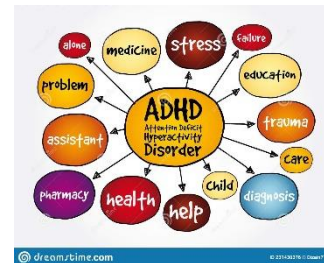
Kids, Phones, and Social Media

The ChildMind Institute has put together resources to help parents decide when kids are ready for a phone and how to introduce kids to social media.



Depression and Teenagers

The ChildMind Institute has put together resources to help us the easy to miss signs of depression in teenagers.



What Teens with ADHD Need From Their Parents

ADDitude has put together these valuable resources to help parents understand more what their teen with ADHD needs from them.

- [When Should You Get Your Kid A Phone?](#)

- [When are Kids Ready For Social Media?](#)

- [Social Media and Self-Doubt](#)

- [Does Social Media Use Cause Depression?](#)

- [10 Parenting Tips for Preteens and Tweens](#)

- [Media Guidelines for Kids of All Ages](#)

- [What are the Symptoms of Depression in Teenagers?](#)

- [Depression and Anger](#)

- [What to Do If You Think your Teenager is Depressed](#)

- [Treatment for Depression](#)

- [Teens and Anger](#)

- [My ADHD Teen Always Blows Me Off - How Do I Get Through To Her?](#)

- [My Son and Husband Both Want the Last Word](#)

- [Nudge, Don't Nag: 9 Ways to Motivate Your Child to Do Well](#)

- [Starting with Preschool, Strive For Kids Who Thrive](#)

- [How ADHD Makes A Good Night's Sleep Seem Like a Dream](#)
