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Early Intervention

Overview of the Transition Process

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) established a process to facilitate a smooth transition from early intervention (EI) services to school based services. This process affects two groups of students:

- 1.) If your child will be old enough to begin Kindergarten by August 31.
- 2.) If your child is at the "age of beginners" (the minimum age established by the school district for admission to first grade).

A meeting is held including EI personnel, district representatives and parents. This allows the school district to complete the process and have services in place for the start of the next school year. It is extremely important for parents to attend the transition to school age meetings when they are scheduled.



Early Intervention: Transition to School Age Services

What is the purpose of the meeting?

The purpose for the meeting is to determine if your intent is to register with the school district for the upcoming year or if you are opting to remain in early intervention an extra year. If you intend to enroll with the district, records are shared and the team determines if further testing is necessary or if school age determination can be made through a review of records.

What about registration?

If you intend to have your child attend Pottsgrove School District, you **MUST** register your child for Kindergarten. The registration portal will be open for registration in April. More information can be found on the district's website (www.pgdsd.org) or by contacting Tracy Gray, Registration Secretary at 610-327-2277 Ext. 1040

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the district schedule the meetings? Until the meeting is held, the district does not know anything about your child (confidentiality). During the meeting, you will discuss the upcoming process and be asked to sign an intent to register and permission to reevaluate.

Is the transition meeting just to sign a paper? No, it is to meet and discuss your child's services and plan for future programming.

What is the timeline for the reevaluation/IEP process? Once the permission to reevaluate is signed, the district will have 60 days to conduct standardized testing, observations, data collections, and interviews. In the result of a school-age disability, the district will have an additional 30 days from the conclusion of the reevaluation to hold an Individualized Education Plan meeting with the parents/guardians and school team. At the meeting, an IEP document will be developed and presented by the special education case manager, school team and parent/guardian to determine placement and student needs. Parents have the right to agree or disagree with the Individualized Education Plan by signing the Notice of Recommended Educational Placement in order to start services.

What happens if I don't schedule and attend a meeting? If a meeting is not held, the district cannot guarantee services will be in place at the start of school.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PA Department of Education
www.pde.state.pa.us

PA Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
www.pattan.net

Office for Dispute Resolution
<http://ODR.pattan.net>

