

# SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Department of Special Education Services

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The Seneca Falls Central School District is committed to meeting the needs of students with different learning styles. Referrals to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) can be made by teachers, parents, or physicians. The CSE is appointed by the Board of Education to conduct comprehensive evaluations for students who have been referred to the CSE. If the information gathered during the evaluation supports classification according to New York State Education Law, the CSE will then develop an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to address the unique learning needs of the student. It is important to note that not all students who are experiencing school difficulties are eligible for special education services.

Once a student is identified with a documented disability by mandated criteria, our special education services provide for the individual needs of the student including academic, social, physical, and management needs. These are provided with the goal of serving the student in the least restrictive environment. In the Seneca Falls Central School District, the first consideration is education of students with disabilities in general education in their home school. There are a percentage of students whose educational needs can only be met in a program operated by Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES.

Preschool age children may also be eligible for special education services, through a similar process overseen by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). Educational programs and services for preschool children with disabilities from the ages of three to five are the responsibility of the school district in which the child resides in accordance with New York State Education Law. There is also birth to age two services provided by the county of residence.

The Seneca Falls Central School District, in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and Education Law, is required to locate all children with disabilities within its jurisdiction under the age of twenty-one. Children of preschool age and children in all public and private agencies and institutions must be identified, located, and evaluated in the district in which they reside. If you suspect your child(ren) ages 3-21, of having a disability and are not receiving special education services, please contact the following individuals:

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Information regarding the referral process for special education services can also be found on the following website: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm>