Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services and Programs, Services for Gifted Students and Services for Protected Handicapped Students
August 2026

Notice to Parents

According to state and federal special education regulations, annual public notice to parents of children who reside within a school district is required regarding child find responsibilities. School districts (SDs), intermediate units (IUs) and charter schools (CSs) are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15. Also, school districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 PA Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, the parent may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedures in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence.

This notice shall inform parents throughout the school district, intermediate unit, and charter school of the child identification activities and of the procedures followed to ensure confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities or eligible young children. In addition to this public notice, each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school shall publish written information in the handbook and on the web site. Children ages three through twenty one can be eligible for special education programs and services. If parents believe that the child may be eligible for special education, the parent should contact the appropriate staff member identified at the end of this public notice.

Children ages three to school-age may be eligible for Early Intervention services if they are experiencing developmental delays. Developmental delays, as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments, include a 25 percent delay or a test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on a standardized assessment in one of the following developmental areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development or adaptive development. A young child may also be deemed eligible if they are determined to have a diagnosed disability as defined by PA Chapter 14 regulations. Eligibility for Early Intervention services is two-pronged. The child must be diagnosed with a developmental delay or a diagnosed disability and display a need for specially designed instruction. Specially designed instruction means adapting the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to address the unique needs of the child and to ensure access to the general education curriculum.

Evaluation Process

Each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about procedures applicable to your child, contact the school which your child attends. Telephone numbers and addresses can be found at the end of this notice. Parents of preschool age children, ages three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the intermediate unit staff.

Consent

School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation or reevaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, ***www.Pattan.net*** or your educational agency. Once written parental consent is obtained, the district will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation, the parent can request an independent education evaluation at public expense.

Program Development

Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professionals and parents determine whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the individualized education program team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff, intermediate unit staff, or charter school staff will issue a notice of recommended educational placement/prior written notice. Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Confidentiality of Information

The SDs, IUs and CSs maintain records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained in the strictest confidentiality. Your consent, or consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under State law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted under the
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The age of majority in Pennsylvania is 21. Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. Each participating agency must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who have access to personally identifiable information.

In accordance with 34 CFR § 300.624, please be advised of the following retention/destruction schedule for the

Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA), Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), and Keystone Exam related materials:

- PSSA, Keystone Exam, and PASA test booklets will be destroyed one year after student reports are delivered for the administration associated with the test booklets.
- PSSA and Keystone Exam answer booklets and PASA media recordings will be destroyed three years after completion of the assessment.

For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

This notice is only a summary of the Special Education services, evaluation and screening activities, and rights and protections pertaining to children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. For more information or to request evaluation or screening of a public or private school child, contact the responsible school entity listed below. For preschool age children, information, screenings and evaluations requested may be obtained by contacting the Intermediate Unit. The addresses of these schools are as follows:

INTERMEDIATE UNIT	
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 814-542-2501 Kelly Lawler Zurybida Director of Special Education 2527 US Hwy 522 S McVeytown, PA 17051	TIU Early Intervention Programming 814-542-2501 Brian Kritzer Supervisor of Special Education 2527 US Hwy 522 S McVeytown, PA 17051
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	
Central Fulton School District 717-485-7000 Holly Varner 151 East Cherry Street McConnellsburg, PA 17233-1400	Forbes Road School District 814-685-3865 Forbes Road High School Rebekah Miller 159 Redbird Drive Waterfall, PA 16689
Huntingdon Area School District 814-641-2104 Administrative Office Sean Cummins 2400 Cassady Avenue, Suite 2 Huntingdon, PA 16652-2602	Juniata County School District 717-436-2111 Administrative Office Karen Crossley 146 Weatherby Way Mifflintown, PA 17059
Juniata Valley School District 814-669-9150 Administrative Office Lisa Coble 7775 Juniata Valley Pike, PO Box 318 Alexandria, PA 16611	Mifflin County School District 717-248-0148 Administrative Building Cindi Marsh 201 Eighth Street, Highland Park Lewistown, PA 17044
Mount Union Area School District 814-542-2518 Administrative Center Kristen Streightiff 603 N. Industrial Drive Mount Union, PA 17066	Southern Fulton School District 717-294-3400 Southern Fulton High School Dr. Laurel Keegan 3072 Great Cove Road, Suite 100 Warfordsburg, PA 17267

Southern Huntingdon School District 814-447-5520 Alisa Scott 10339 Pogue Road Three Springs, PA 17264-9730	Corrections Education 814-658-4024 Timothy Miller Trough Creek Youth Forestry Camp #3 4534 Tar Kiln Road James Creek, PA. 16657 & South Mountain Secure Treatment Unit 10056 South Mountain Road – P.O. Box 374 South Mountain, PA. 17261

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED IN IU 11	
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 814-542-2501 Dr. Brett Gilliland or Designee 2527 US Hwy 522 S., McVeytown, PA 17051	
CHARTER SCHOOLS	
New Day Charter School 814-643-7112 Brandye Armstrong -256 South 5th Street. Huntingdon, PA 16652 717-447-0623 -109 Industrial Circle Mifflintown, PA 17059	Stone Valley Community Charter School 814-667-2705 Cheryl Casner 13006 Greenwood Road Huntingdon, PA 16652
PRISONS	
Huntingdon County Prison 814-641-2104 Sean Cummins 2400 Cassady Avenue, Suite 2 Huntingdon, PA 16652-2602	Mifflin County Prison 717-248-0148 Cindi Marsh 201 Eighth Street, Highland Park Lewistown, PA 17044

*The school entity or charter school will not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap, creed, marital status or because a person is a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. No preschool, elementary or secondary school pupil enrolled in a school district, Intermediate Unit, or charter school program shall be denied equal opportunity to participate in age and program appropriate instruction or activities due to race, color, handicap, creed, national origin, marital status or financial hardship.