

SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL NOTICE - 2016
ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES & PROGRAMS,
SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS AND SERVICES FOR
PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

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, intermediate units and charter schools 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 22PA 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 procedure in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence.

This notice shall inform parents throughout the North East School District 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, North East School district publishes written information in the handbook and on the website. Children ages 3 - 21 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 North East School District or the Director of Special Education for the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit identified at the end of this public notice. Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are also eligible if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need special education and related services. Developmental delay is defined as a child who is less than the age of beginners and at least three years of age and is considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists: (i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25 percent of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas, for (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help. For additional information you may contact the Early Intervention Department at the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, located at 252 Waterford Street, Edinboro, PA 16412 (814)734-8610