

**Notice of Special Education Services and Programs Child Find
For Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship**

This notice is to help find children who may be in need of special education services, to offer assistance to parents, and to describe the parents' rights with regards to confidentiality of information that will be obtained during this process.

Identification Activity

"Child Find" refers to activities undertaken by public education agencies to identify, locate, and evaluate children residing in PA and determine the child's need for special education and related services. The purpose of this notice is to locate these children so that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) can be made available.

Identification activities by the school are performed to find children who are suspected as having a disability that would interfere with his/her learning unless special education programs and services are made available. Parents who think their child is a child with a disability may request, in writing at any time, an evaluation be conducted by their school entity to determine if the child is eligible to receive special education services. Parents also have the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation if they disagree with the results of the school's evaluation.

Educational Records/Confidentiality

All records that are directly related to an individual child are called educational records and are maintained by the local school district. Information contained in these records that would make the child's identity easily traceable is called personally identifiable information. Each school district protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable information regarding students that are identified as children with disabilities and eligible for special education services and protected handicapped students. As parents, you have rights regarding the confidentiality of your child's records such as the right to inspect and review any educational records related to your child that are collected, maintained, or used by the school district. You have the right to an explanation and interpretation of the records and to be provided copies of the records. You have the right to request the amendment of your child's education records that you believe are inaccurate, misleading, or violate the privacy or other rights of your child. In the case records are being destroyed, you will be notified if your child's records are being destroyed previous to the destruction.

Services for Protected Handicapped Students

Students who are not eligible to receive special education programs and services may qualify as protected handicapped students, and therefore, be protected by other federal and state laws intended to prevent discrimination. The school district must ensure that protected handicapped students have equal opportunity to participate in the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate for each individual student.

Early Intervention

Services for children under the age of 6 years who are not enrolled in kindergarten are available through the Alliance for Infant and Toddlers (412-885-6000) and through the AIU 3's DART program (412-394-5700.)

For a full copy of Notice of Special Education Services and Programs Child Find, please visit info@phcharter.org.

If you wish to learn more, have questions, or believe your child may need to be identified, please contact:
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