

## **Union School District**

### **Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services and Programs, Services for Gifted Students and Services for Protected Handicapped Students**

#### **School Age Special Education Services and Programs:**

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Union School District that it conducts ongoing identification activities as a part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education and related services. If your child is identified by the district as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following conditions: Autism; Deaf-blindness; Deafness; Emotional disturbance; Hearing impairment; Intellectual disability; Multiple disabilities; Orthopedic impairment; Other health impairment; Specific learning disability; Speech or language impairment; Traumatic brain injury; Visual impairment. If you believe that your school age child may be in need of special education services and related programs, screening and evaluation processes are available to you at no cost, upon written request, whether or not your child is enrolled in the district's public school program.

Requests for school-age evaluation and screening should be made in writing to the Director of Special Education, Union School District, 34 Baker Street, Rimersburg, PA 16248.

If you believe your child needs special education services, an evaluation will be conducted by a team. The team shall be composed of the parents, persons familiar with the child's development, persons knowledgeable in such areas of suspected disability, persons trained in the appropriate evaluation techniques and, if possible, persons familiar with the child's cultural background. All information gathered through the screening and/or evaluation process is considered confidential under Section 438 of the General Education Provisions.

#### **Preschool Services and Programs:**

Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are eligible for Early Intervention services if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. A child 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% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas; or (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. Parents of young children with concerns about their child's seeing, hearing, learning, talking, moving about, manipulating objects, understanding, showing emotions, getting along with others, playing with toys, taking

care of himself/herself, should contact the Riverview Intermediate Unit at 814-297-5104. The Riverview IU can provide information to parents about evaluations, programs, therapy, parent supports, and referral to community agencies at no cost to the parent.

### **Potential Signs of Developmental Delays**

For a list of general “warning signs” of possible delay, please refer to the following document: Potential Signs of Developmental Delays located on our website.