

Is your child having difficulty in school?

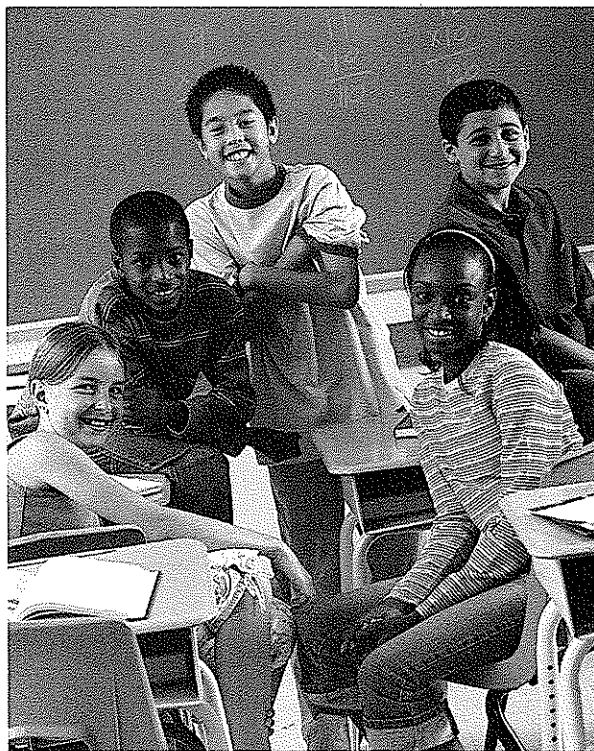
Has your child been identified as needing special education services?

If you believe your child may have a disability and may be in need of special education services, an evaluation process to assess your child's needs is available to you at no cost through the school district in which you live or from the intermediate unit (IU) in which your private school is located. Special education often involves adapting materials and modifying instruction to better meet your child's specific learning needs.

If you request these services, your child will receive an evaluation from a team of experts trained in assessing children. This team will determine if your child has a disability and if so, is in need of special education. You are an important member of your child's evaluation team.

Before the school district or the intermediate unit proceeds with an evaluation, it will notify you in writing of the specific types of tests and procedures it plans to use, and of your rights throughout this process. The evaluation cannot be scheduled until you sign the written notice, indicating that you consent to the proposed testing and assessments, and return the notice to the school district or intermediate unit.

If, after an evaluation, your child is found to have a disability and to need special education, the public school will develop, with your participation, an *Individualized*



Education Program (IEP). An IEP is a written document that specifically describes the services your child needs. The services in the IEP will be offered to your child in a public school-sponsored placement. If you wish to accept the offer, you will have to enroll your child in the public school. If you choose not to accept the program specified in the IEP, your child's private school still may be eligible for certain services.

If your child has already been evaluated and offered services in an IEP, and you chose not to

accept the services, communicate this to your child's principal. Again, your child's private school may still be eligible for certain services.

Certain services are available to students identified as eligible for special education who are unilaterally placed by their parents in private schools through a federal requirement called *Equitable Participation (EP)*. In Pennsylvania, the IU is the agency responsible for the implementation of the federal requirement for EP. EP requires that each IU, following a federal funding calculation, must expend a designated amount of federal IDEA funds on services and/or resources for students identified as eligible for special education services whose parents have unilaterally chosen to place their child in a private school. The IU is not required to offer the same services that would be offered as a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the public school. The IU is mandated to offer those services determined by their annual consultation with their private school agencies. In circumstances where the allocation of funds for EP under the federal calculation is exhausted, the IU would cease to provide any EP services until the next fiscal year. The IU must participate annually in the notification, consultation, and collaboration with their private school agencies in their local geographic area as required under IDEA 2004 regulations §§300.130-300.144.

If you are interested in finding out more about the special education process, please speak with your child's principal. For additional information, feel free to contact the school district in which you live, or the intermediate unit in which your child's school is located, as listed on the back of this brochure.

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Chester Upland School District

Director of Special Education
1720 Melrose Avenue
Chester, PA 19013

610-447-3600

Chichester School District

Director of Pupil Services
Education Center
P.O. Box 2100
Boothwyn, PA 19061

610-485-6881

Garnet Valley School District

Supervisor—Special Education
80 Station Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

610-579-7300

Haverford School District

Director of Special Education
1801 East Darby Road
Havertown, PA 19083

610-853-5900

Interboro School District

Director—Pupil Personnel Services/Special Education
900 Washington Avenue
Prospect Park, PA 19076

610-461-6700

Marple Newtown School District

Director of Pupil Personnel Services
40 Media Line Road, Suite 206
Newtown Square, PA 19073

610-359-4200

Penn Delco School District

Director of Special Education
2821 Concord Road
Aston, PA 19014

610-497-6300

Radnor Township School District

Director of Student Services and Special Education
135 South Wayne Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087

610-688-8100

Ridley School District

Director of Special Education
901 Morton Avenue, Suite 100
Folsom, PA 19033

610-534-1900

Rose Tree Media School District

Director of Pupil Services
308 North Olive Street
Media, PA 19063

610-627-6000

Southeast Delco School District

Director of Special Education
1560 Delmar Drive
Folcroft, PA 19032

610-522-4300

Springfield School District

Director of Special Education
111 West Leamy Avenue
Springfield, PA 19064

610-938-6004

Upper Darby School District

Executive Director of Special Education
4611 Bond Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

610-789-7200

Wallingford-Swarthmore School District

Director of Pupil Services
200 S. Providence Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

610-892-3470

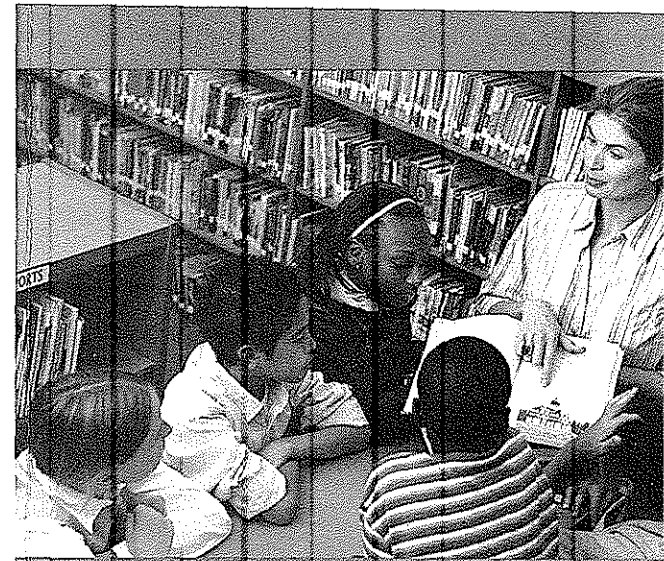
William Penn School District

Supervisor of Special Education
100 Green Avenue Annex
Lansdowne, PA 19050

610-284-8000

Delaware County IU 25

Director of Special Programs
200 Yale Avenue
Morton, PA 19070
610-938-9000



Does Your Child Have Special Needs?

Information on special education
services for children in private
schools.



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Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network