

## Child Find

### Programs for Eligible or Protected Handicapped Students.

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Palmyra Area School District that it conducts ongoing identification activities as part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education and related services (eligible students). If your child is identified by the District as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of the applicable procedure. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to be eligible and in need of specially designed instruction due to the following condition(s).

1. Autism/Pervasive Development Disorder
2. Blindness or Visual impairment
3. Deafness or Hearing Impairment
4. Developmental Delay (Early Intervention)
5. Mental Retardation
6. Multiple Disabilities
7. Traumatic Brain Injury
8. Other Health Impairments
9. Orthopedic Impairment
10. Emotional Disturbance
11. Specific Learning Disability
12. Speech or Language Impairment

If you believe that your school-age child may be in need of special education services and related programs, screening and evaluation processes designed to assess the needs of the child, and his/her eligibility are available to you at no cost, upon written request. You may request screening and evaluation at any time, whether or not your school-age child is enrolled in the District's public school program. Requests for evaluation and screening are to be made in writing to the building principal or the Special Education Office.

In compliance with the state and federal law, the Palmyra Area School District will provide to each protected handicapped student without discrimination or cost to the student or family. Those related aids, services, or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program, and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student the child must be school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.

For further information on the rights of parents and children, provision of services, evaluation and screening (including purpose, time and location), and rights to due process procedures, you may contact the building principal or Special Education Office.

All information gathered about your child by the public school is subject to the confidentiality provisions contained in Federal and State law. The District has policies and procedures in effect governing the collection, maintenance, destruction, and disclosure to third parties of this information. For information about these policies and procedures, as well as right of confidentiality and access to educational records, you may contact the building principal in writing.

