

ANNUAL NOTICE

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires annual notification of parent/student rights in identification, evaluation, and placement.

The following is a description of the rights and options granted by federal law to students with disabilities (handicaps). The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling condition.

Have the school district advise you of your rights and options under federal law.

Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.

Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.

Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students.

Have your child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-PL. 101.476), and/or general educational intervention or modifications outside of special education under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the students, evaluation data, and placement options.

Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.

Have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and co-curricular activities offered by the district.

Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.

Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.

A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.

Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child.

Request mediation an impartial hearing, or review (appeal) related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. Hearing requests must be made to Superintendent, Vinton-Shellsburg Administrative Office, 436-4728 (enter 1).

Request a review (appeal) of the hearing should you not prevail.

Ask for payment of reasonable attorney fees if you are successful on your claim.

File a local grievance to resolve complaints of discrimination.