

SPECIAL EDUCATION

ANNUAL NOTICE OF CHILD IDENTIFICATION ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Chapter 14: Special Education Services and Programs, the Tussey Mountain School District is providing annual public notice of district child identification activities. The intent of these activities is to identify through comprehensive screening procedures those students who qualify for and may benefit from special programs and services available through the Tussey Mountain School District and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08. The following services are available to students within the district:

- Gifted Support Services
- Speech/Language Support Services
- Life Skills Support Services
- Multi-Disability Support Services
- Learning Support Services
- Vision Support Services
- Hearing Support Services
- Physical Support Services
- Autistic Support Services

Screening and identification for these programs occur throughout the year dependent upon district and/or parental recommendation. Specific screening activities (i.e. speech, hearing, vision, etc.) are scheduled during certain times of the year by the school nurse and the speech/language therapist. A specific request for screening and evaluation can be made in writing through the building principal or the Special Education Supervisor. All screening and evaluation results will be kept in the strictest of confidence as according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Any further inquiries should be addressed to: Rick Heath, Tussey Mountain S.D., 199 Front Street, Saxton, PA 16678-8610.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

In compliance with state and federal law, the Tussey Mountain 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 of 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 evaluation procedures and provision of services to protected handicapped students, contact Rick Heath, Tussey Mountain S.D., 199 Front Street, Saxton, PA 16678-8610.