



Special Programs

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Manassas Park City Schools is required to inform the community of a student's right to a free, appropriate public education and the availability of programs and services, including special education. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act are federal laws that give the School Division certain responsibilities with respect to providing such educational programs to students with disabilities. Under the IDEA and Section 504, the School Division has the responsibility to actively and continuously identify, locate, and evaluate those children, infant to age 21, living in Manassas Park who may be in need of special education and/or related services, or adaptations or accommodations to the regular education services. These laws also require the School Division to:

- Refer for possible evaluation any student of school age living in the School Division who a school staff member suspects may be disabled.
- Provide appropriate educational and school related opportunities to students with disabilities in an inclusive setting to the maximum extent appropriate.
- Provide notice of the availability of services and types and location of services to nearby private schools, pediatricians, and the Health Department.
- Provide parents/guardians of students with disabilities with notice of their rights annually, and prior to their student's evaluation and placement, or any significant change in their student's placement.
- Develop and implement procedural safeguards with respect to actions regarding the identification, evaluation, and placement of students with disabilities.
- Provide written notice of the School Division's procedural safeguards to parents or guardians.

If you suspect that your child may have a disability affecting his/her development or academic performance, or may have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, please contact the Office of Special Programs at 703.335.8850 for further information.

For students in Manassas Park that are homeschooled or are parentally placed in a private school, special education related services are provided, as funding is available.