

NOTICE OF PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS
IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND PLACEMENT
OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Below is a description of the rights granted by Federal law to individuals with disabilities. It is the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 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:

- A. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- B. Have the School County advise you of your rights under Federal law.
- C. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- D. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the School County make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
- E. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided nondisabled students.
- F. Have your child receive special education and related services if s/he is found to be eligible under Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, and/or general education interventions/modification outside of special education under Section 504.
- G. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decision made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, and are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options.
- H. 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 this County.
- I. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the County.
- J. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluational, education program, and placement.
- K. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
- L. A response from the School County to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.

- M. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that information contained in the record(s) is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the School County refuses to amend the record(s), you have the right to request a hearing and/or to place in the record a statement of why you disagree with the information it contains.
- N. Request mediation or an impartial due-process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the _____.
- O. Receive all information in the parent's native language and mode of communication.
- P. File a local grievance or a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights at any time.

The Board of Education has designated _____ as the County's Section 504 Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer can be reached at the following address/phone number:

The Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education enforces the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The address of the West Virginia Office is: Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 100 Penn Square East, Suite 515, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3323.