

PUBLIC NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Special School District of St. Louis County in partnership with the Component Districts assure that a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under their jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Special School District in partnership with the Component Districts assure that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri's First Steps Program.

The Special School District in partnership with the Component Districts assure that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the districts for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Special School District of St. Louis County has developed a local Compliance Plan for implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - 2004 (IDEA-2004). This Plan and School Board Policies contain the district's procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the district's assurances that services are provided in compliance with General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This Plan is available for public review in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools during regular school hours on days school is in session.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

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