

## **Annual Notification of Rights and Responsibilities Under the IDEA and Section 504**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), a federal special education law, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504), a federal anti-discrimination law, provide students with disabilities and their parents with certain rights with respect to receiving a free appropriate public education designed to meet the individual student's needs and abilities. Depending on whether a student with a disability is determined eligible under the IDEA or Section 504, the student would receive a free appropriate public education through regular or special education and/or related aids and services.

These laws include the following rights to students with disabilities and their parents:

- To have the student with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education.
- To have students with disabilities educated with non-disabled students, to the maximum extent appropriate.
- To examine the student's educational records.
- To request an evaluation of their student for possible eligibility to receive services under IDEA or Section 504.
- To receive notice of the School Division's procedural safeguards.
- To request and participate in an impartial hearing.
- To request review of the outcome of an impartial hearing.

### **These laws require the School Division to:**

- Undertake efforts to locate and identify eligible students with disabilities living in Appomattox County who are not receiving a free appropriate public education.
- 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 possible.
- To conduct a reevaluation of a student with a disability prior to any significant change in placement, which may include disciplinary action.
- Provide notice of the availability of services and types and location of services to nearby private schools, pediatricians, and the Health Department.
- Provide parents or 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.
- To develop and implement procedural safeguards with respect to actions regarding the identification, evaluation, and placement of students with disabilities.
- To provide parents or guardians with written notice of the School Division's procedural safeguards.

If you suspect that your student may have a disability affecting your student's development or academic performance, or may have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, please contact an administrator at your student's school for further information.