PUBLIC NOTICE

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Special Education Identification Activities

Teachers or parents who feel a child is exceptional or is experiencing academic, emotional or physical difficulties may request an evaluation to determine special program needs. A parent request form is available at the office. Evaluations are completed throughout the year.

Services and Programs Available

Evergreen Community Charter School provides students, based on their eligibility and needs, with the opportunity to receive services through academic, emotional, and physical support. Classes for Gifted Support, Learning Support, Emotional Support, Language Support, and Life Skills Support are operated by the school. In addition, Colonial Intermediate Unit 20, in conjunction with the school district, operates classes for Life Skills Support, Emotional Support, Autistic Support, Multiple Disability Support, Deaf and Hearing Impaired Support, Blind or Visually Impaired Support, Speech and Language Support.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality is maintained on all personally identifiable information regarding students. Parents have the right to see and obtain a copy of their child's records. Academic progress notes on IEP goals as well as any evaluations will be made available to parents at any time. Personally identifiable information relative to an exceptional student will only be released with the permission of the parent and/or in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Pennsylvania Rules, Regulations, and Standards.

This provision will be added to all school handbooks:

The School Nurse maintains health records for each student. Parents or guardians are responsible for notifying the school nurse, <u>in writing</u>, of medical needs that may affect a student while in school. Parents or guardians are expected to update this information regularly, especially when a student's needs change. In accordance with School Code section 14-1409, to the extent necessary to protect the health and safety of a student, staff members will be notified of health conditions which may adversely affect student learning or present a danger to the student. Medical information will only be disclosed by the nurse's office to school staff to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of a student. Unless it presents a threat to a student's health, medical information may remain confidential with the school nurse only, upon the written request of a parent or guardian.