

Protected Handicapped

In compliance with state and federal law, the district will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services, or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities.

In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program.

These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are civil rights protections as delineated in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Chapter 15 of the Regulations of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education. These services are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.