



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 Raytown School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation/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 Raytown School District assures 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 First Steps program.

The Raytown School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency 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 Raytown School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General

Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at the Administration Building located at 6608 Raytown Road, Raytown Missouri.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

Special Services

The Raytown Schools Special Services Program provides special education services to students with disabilities ages three to 21, as required under The Individuals with Disabilities Act – 97 (IDEA-97) and Missouri House Bill 474.

Raytown's Special Services program identifies students that may have a disability that affects their ability to progress in the general curriculum, evaluates those students, determines eligibility, and develops individual education plans.

The Special Services program provides children with disabilities with a free, appropriate public education. Children with disabilities differ in mental abilities, sensory development, physical traits, emotional behaviors, social behaviors and communication skills. Some may require modifications to their general education program, while others may need special education and related services in order to benefit from their educational program.

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