

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Re: Notice of Services for Private/Parochial Students

Dear Baltimore County Private/Parochial Administrator:

The intent of this notice is to notify administrators of private/parochial schools about the services Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) will provide during the 2017-2018 school year to eligible students with disabilities attending private/parochial schools located within Baltimore County. Please share this information with appropriate parents of students with disabilities enrolled in private/parochial schools.

As a result of our discussions and consistent with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), BCPS will continue to provide Child Find, special education, and related services to students who are parentally placed in Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) approved private/parochial schools outlined in this notice.

The services provided to eligible students with disabilities will be limited to the service identified in this notice. Services documented on the students' service plan will be provided according to BCPS' calendar from September 2017 through May 2018. The student's service plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

For the 2017-2018 school year, BCPS will provide:

- *Child Find:* BCPS will continue to locate, identify, and evaluate all students with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in **nonpublic schools, including religious elementary and secondary schools** located within the jurisdiction of the local school system, in accordance with 34 CFR §§300.130—300.144 and COMAR 13A.05.02.13A. Child Find referrals must be initiated by the family by calling Child Find Services at 443-809-3017. BCPS agrees that the school responsible for conducting the initial and subsequent Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meetings will invite a representative of the private/parochial school to participate at the IEP team. Child Find services are available twelve (12) months of the year.
- *Speech and Language Therapy:* Speech & Language therapy will be provided up to one (1) hour per week. The service will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year.
- *Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy:* Occupational and physical therapy will be provided up to one-half (1/2) hour per week. The service will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year.

- *Itinerant Service:* BCPS will provide itinerant services for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and deaf student's up to one (1) hour per week. These services will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year. BCPS will provide FM systems and audiology services, as appropriate, to eligible students with disabilities.
- Classroom teachers and related service providers may access open enrollment instructional workshops offered through the department of Professional Development, if spaces are available.

BCPS will provide the services listed above at private school sites unless alternative arrangements are deemed reasonable by BCPS. BCPS retains sole discretion whether alternative arrangements are necessary and may consider, among other factors, the number of students located at site or the availability of requisite staff.

Based on the input received from private/parochial representatives and discussions with BCPS' staff, BCPS will not provide the following services:

- Direct special education and classroom instruction to students
- Assistive technology, except as noted for hearing and impaired students
- Interpreters
- Transition planning services
- Extended School Year (ESY) services
- Software licenses
- Additional Assistants

BCPS staff will not write 504 Plans or provide special education or related services to students with 504 Plans enrolled on private/parochial schools. In accordance with state-regulations, home-schooled students are not considered private/parochial school students and are not limited to services under this notice. However, BCPS does provide services to home-schooled students as described in the *Notice of Services to Home-Schooled Students*.

BCPS' staff will continue to meet annually with representatives from private/parochial schools and will reissue this notice each year with any necessary changes.

Thank you for your collaboration in serving students of this county. Please contact the Office of Special Education at (443) 809-3660, if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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