

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Re: *Notice of Services for Home-School Students*

Dear Baltimore County Parent/Guardian of Home-Schooled Student:

The intent of this correspondence is to notify Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) residents who have elected to implement home-school instruction for their children, about services that BCPS will provide during the 2017-2018 school year to eligible students with disabilities.

The provisions for 34CFR 300.450-300.462 COMAR 13A.05.0116B that apply to students with disabilities enrolled in private schools by their parent/guardian do not pertain to students with disabilities receiving home-school instruction. While special education services are not required, a local school system may, at local discretion, provide services to students with disabilities receiving home instruction.

BCPS agrees to continue to provide services to students with disabilities who reside in Baltimore County and who receive home-school elementary and secondary instruction, as outlined in this notice. Services documented on the student's service plan will be provided according to the BCPS' school calendar from September through May. 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 who may have a disability and who are home-schooled and live within Baltimore County, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Maryland State Department of Education. Families may call the Office of Child Find at 443-809-3017. 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.

BCPS will provide the services listed above at public school sites unless alternative arrangements are deemed reasonable by BCPS.

BCPS reserves the right to modify the provisions of services, as appropriate, in the future. BCPS' staff will not write 504 Plans or provide special education or related services to students with 504 plans receiving home-school instruction. BCPS' staff will revisit this *Notice of Services* for *Home-Schooled Students* annually and will reissue this notice each year with any necessary changes.

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

Sincerely,

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