Lewisburg Area School District Section 504 Annual Notice to Parents, Guardians and Adult Students

The Lewisburg Area School District recognizes and supports the right of students to enjoy equality of treatment and access to opportunities in education. Our diverse student population is strengthened by its commitment to embrace all learners, including those with disabilities. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans Disability Act Amendments Act of 2008 guarantees that students with disabilities have the ability to access a free appropriate public education ("FAPE").

Under Section 504, a person is considered to have a disability if that person:

- 1.) Has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities
- 2.) Has a record of such impairment, or
- 3.) Is regarded as having such an impairment

Major life activities include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. Major life activities also include other general activities such as eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, reading, concentrating, thinking, and communicating. The ability to participate in and benefit from school is a major life activity for a school-aged student. The above list of major life activities is not exhaustive.

To find out if your child is eligible for Section 504 services:

- 1. Contact the building principal, guidance counselor or District Section 504 Coordinator to make a formal request for services for your child. Be prepared to discuss your child's needs and how they are affecting one or more major life activity.
- 2. The district will notify you about their decision to evaluate and provide you with a copy of Procedural Safeguards.
- 3. Your informed consent will be required for an evaluation to take place.
- 4. If consent is obtained, the district will evaluate your child to determine eligibility.
- 5. If your child is eligible for Section 504 Services, a Section 504 Plan will be developed to address your child's disability related needs. Your consent will be needed to initiate the proposed plan.
- 6. If the parent, guardian and/or adult student disagrees with the determination made by the district or disagrees with the Section 504 Plan, they have the right, through the Section 504 Procedural Safeguards, to be informed of their specific due process rights.

For more information, please contact the District 504 Coordinator: Pamela Kramer 1951 Washington Ave. Lewisburg, PA 17837 (570) 522-3277 Kramer_p@lasd.us