

Department of Special Education

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Dear Harford County, Private/Parochial Administrator:

The intent of this notice is to notify administrators of private/parochial schools about the services Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) will provide during the 2026-2027 school year to eligible students with disabilities attending private/parochial schools located within Harford County. Please share this information with appropriate parents of students with disabilities enrolled in your school.

As a result of our discussions and consistent with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), HCPS 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 as outlined in this notice. The services provided to eligible students with disabilities will be limited to the services identified in this notice. The student's service plan will be reviewed annually. For the 2026-2027 school year, HCPS will provide:

- *Child Find*: HCPS will continue to locate, identify, and evaluate all parentally placed private/parochial school students suspected of having a disability and attending school in Harford County, as required by IDEA and MSDE. Child Find referrals can be made by calling the Child Find office at 410-638-4386 or by emailing childfind@hcps.org. Child Find services are available twelve (12) months of the year.
- *Speech and Language Therapy*: Services will be provided for up to 90 minutes per month. Therapy will be delivered for up to thirty-six (36) weeks per school year, from September through June, in alignment with the HCPS school calendar for students in grades K–12.
- *Consultative Special Education Services (Academic)* which may include professional development/support to school personnel working with students with disabilities.

This agreement excludes all other direct and/or indirect services, equipment and technologies including Transition planning services and Extended School Year (ESY) services. HCPS staff will not write 504 Plans or provide special education or related services to students with 504 Plans enrolled in private/parochial schools. In accordance with state-regulations, home-schooled students are not considered private/parochial school students and are not entitled to services under this notice.

HCPS 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 the students of this county. Please contact the Office of Special Education at 410-588-5246 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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