

## **PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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 Farmington R-7 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 Farmington R-7 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 Farmington R-7 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 Farmington R-7 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 office of the Director of Special Services between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday–Friday during regular school calendar days.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

### **Contact:**

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Applicants for admission or employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary students, employees, source of referral and applicants for employment, and all professional organizations that have entered into agreements with the Farmington R-7 School District are hereby notified that the Farmington R-7 School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its programs and activities and provide equal access.

Any person having inquiries concerning the Farmington R-7 School District's compliance with the laws and regulation implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), or Titles II and III of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is directed to the applicable Compliance Coordinator below who has been designated by the School District to coordinate District efforts to comply with the laws and regulation implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADEA, Section 504, and ADA.

The Farmington R-7 School District has established grievance procedures for persons unable to resolve problems arising under the statutes above. The Compliance Coordinator for the applicable law, whose name is below, will provide information regarding those procedures upon request.

Any person who is unable to resolve a problem or grievance arising under the laws and regulations cited above may contact the Office of Civil Rights, Region VII, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; 818-2680550.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SURROGATE PARENT PROGRAM**

Pursuant to the requirement of State Law 162.997-999 RSMO, the State Board of Education is required to appoint a surrogate parent at such time as it becomes evident that a child with a disability does not have a parent or a person acting as a parent to participate in matters dealing with the provision of special education. For purposes of this requirement, the term may include the biological parent, a guardian, a person acting as a parent of a child including, but not limited to, a grandparent, a stepparent, or a foster parent with whom the child lives. The term does not include the State if the child is a ward of the State. The term does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated.

The local public school district is given the responsibility to determine when a child with a disability who requires special education and who resides in the District is without a parent. The District must notify the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the need to appoint a surrogate parent. Training for persons serving as surrogate parents will be provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the local public school district.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a surrogate parent, more information can be obtained from the District's surrogate parent contact person, the person responsible for the District's Special Education Program.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING SECTION 504**

The Farmington R-7 School District, as recipients of federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Education which operate a public elementary or secondary program and/or activity, are required to undertake to identify and locate every qualified person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parents or guardians of the District's duty.

The Farmington R-7 School District assures that they will provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature of severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services (i) are designed to meet the individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of non-disabled persons are met and (ii) are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the 504 federal regulations.

The Farmington R-7 School District has developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed at the office of the Director of Special Services from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday during regular school calendar days.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION NCLB COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), Title IX Part C. Sec. 9304(a)(3)(C) requires the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) to adopt procedures for resolving complaints regarding operations of programs authorized under the Act, including Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV (Part A), Title V, Title VI, and Title VII and Title IX, part C.

Any local education agency (LEA), consortium of LEAs, organization, parent, teacher, or member of the public may file a complaint.

There are both formal and informal complaint procedures.

A formal complaint must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. an allegation that a federal statute or regulation applicable to the state educational agency (SEA) or a local education agency (LEA) program has been violated,
2. facts, including documentary evidence that supports the allegation, and
3. the specific requirement, statute, or regulation being violated.

It is federal and state intent that complaints are resolved at a level nearest the LEA as possible. As described below, formal complaints filed with the SEA will be forwarded to the appropriate LEA for investigation and resolution. Informal complaints made to the SEA will be subject of an initial investigation by the SEA, but will be forwarded to the LEA if a formal complaint evolves. Precise processes in both instances can be found on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Programs webpage at <http://dese.mo.gov>. Inquiries may also be directed to the appropriate district personnel.

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