

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEILLSVILLE
ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND
EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

Upon request, the School District of Neillsville is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made. Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Tonia Anderson Ruskin, District Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, School District of Neillsville, 504 E. Fifth Street. Questions can be directed to 715-743-8716.

Questions on your child's development? The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently launched a "Milestone Tracker Mobile App." Android and Apple versions are available. The app tracks development from age 2 months to 5 years. It contains checklists for expected development and tips to encourage ongoing development in the areas of play, learning, speaking, acting and movement. Learn more by visiting the following link.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones-app.html>