**Identifying Students**

Ongoing screening activities are conducted to identify students who may be eligible for special education. These include:

- Data Review
- Cumulative Records
- Enrollment Records
- Health Records
- Report Cards
- Ability and Achievement Test Scores
- Hearing, Vision, Physical, Speech/Language
- Student Assistance Program (SAP)

Screening activities are conducted upon written request by parents, teachers and administrators. The District seeks parental consent to conduct a multi-disciplinary evaluation, prior to screening. At any time, parents may request a multi-disciplinary evaluation via a written submission to the building principal.

**Staff and Information**

The West Mifflin Area School District employs/contracts the following specialized staff:

- Special Education Liaison
- Speech Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Special Education Teachers
- Special Education Teacher Aides
- Instructional Assistants
- Administrative Assistant

To learn more about the WMASD Special Education Program, please contact us at (412) 466 - 9131.

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Dr. Mark Hoover, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Rachel Flinner, School Psychologist
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**Confidentiality of Student Records**

The West Mifflin Area School District protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable information regarding exceptional and protected handicapped students in accordance with state and federal law and district policy. Parents have the right to review all information. Records are disposed of in a timely manner after notification of parents.
WMASD provides special education services to approximately 500 students. The District maintains working relationships with a variety of community agencies to ensure collaborative efforts of developing individualized and appropriate programming for students. The WMASD frequently contracts with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and various private schools to assist with providing educational services to students who may present more extensive needs. This includes hearing and visually impaired services.

A wide range of services are available to students with special needs. It is the District’s desire to ensure all identified students are educated in the least restrictive environment. The placement of students is assessed by a team process, in order to determine the level of services a student may need.

The WMASD is committed to providing educational services that are appropriate and in compliance with all regulations set forth in both Chapter 14 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Due Process

Parents have the right to participate in all testing and placement procedures. A detailed list of all procedures will be made available upon request.