



PALMYRA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PALMYRA, N.J. 08065

**MANDATORY STATE/FEDERAL
COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION**

Equality in Education

All members of the student body, staff, and community are reminded that according to Title IX and N.J.A.C. 6:4. the Palmyra Schools support the position that : “No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or socioeconomic status be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving financial assistance.”

Pupil Records

In accordance with requirements of the New Jersey Administrative Code entitled “Pupil Records”, local school districts must notify parents annually of their rights with regard to pupil records and shall make copies of the applicable state and federal laws and local policies available upon request. Pupil records shall contain only information, which is relevant to the education of the pupil and is objectively based on the personal observation or knowledge of the originator of the record. Parents and children have a right to individual privacy and the right to know concerning information gathered by the school. If you wish to examine your child’s records, you may arrange to do so by making an appointment with the principal’s office.

Special Education Services

Children between the ages of 3 and 21 suspected of having an educational disability may be referred to the Child Study Team by a teacher, administrator, parent, or outside agency. The district provides an array of special education programs and services for educationally disabled pupils. Special Education pupils can receive services in Resource Centers capable of providing replacement instruction and/or support instruction of the regular class program. Support instruction can occur within the Resource Center or the regular classroom. Self-contained classes for the Learning Disabled, Multiply Disabled, and Preschool Disabled are also available as placement options. The district provides a continuum of placements in other public school programs, private schools for the handicapped, and state operated facilities. The district is committed to providing a system of appropriate special education programs and services in the least restrictive environment. Questions about eligibility for services should be directed to Mr. Robert Pupchik, Child Study Team Director at (856) 786-8900.

Section 504 and Educational Services

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a civil right statute that protects the rights of the individual with disabilities. Most people are familiar with 504 and its requirements to make facilities accessible. For example, having ramps where there are steps, eliminating curbs, making enlarged doorways for wheelchairs, etc. Recently, 504 has received increased attention in its application of educational service. Section 504 defines an individual with a disability as anyone who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities (including walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, caring for one's self, performing manual tasks and learning);
- Has a record of such an impairment

The decision regarding services a child receives must be made by a group of individuals "knowledgeable" about the child. This group with the parents/guardians, develop an "Accommodation Plan" that is reasonable to ensure that the child with a disability receives an education that is comparable to that received by a non-disabled child. To receive information regarding the 504 process, parents may call their school or the district compliance office: Mr. Robert Pupchik at (856) 786-8900.