

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSITION TO NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY

When is the individual parent meeting?

You will receive a letter from the IU with the date and time of the transition meeting. The meetings are held at the New Hope-Solebury Lower Elementary School. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.

When can I register? What paperwork do I need?

Parents of students receiving Early Intervention services will be given a registration packet prior to coming to the district for the transition meeting. The date and time of the transition meeting will be communicated by the Intermediate Unit. The required documents are available at the Lower Elementary School or can be requested by contacting New Hope-Solebury Central Registration **215-862-5372 Ext. 3295**.

Why do I need to register? I might not send my child to New Hope-Solebury.

Registration does not commit a family to attend NHSD, however, it is required if you want the school district to move forward with an evaluation. You do not have to enroll your child if you decide to wait to begin kindergarten or attend a private placement. This is true even if the district does an evaluation.

Can I keep my child in preschool another year?

If your child is 5 on or before September 1st he/she is eligible to begin kindergarten, however, you may elect to keep your child in preschool another year. This should be discussed with the IU providers. If a child remains in preschool another year, he/she will go through the transition process the following year. If your child is turning 6 on or before September 1st your child must move on from early intervention services. They may begin kindergarten or first grade in NHSD.

What happens at the transition meeting?

You will meet with both a representative from early intervention services and the school district. The purpose is to review current services and provide you an opportunity to share information with the district. The district will request permission to move forward with an evaluation.

What is a record release form? Do I need to sign it?

The record release form is issued by the BCIU so they may share your child's current records with NHSD. These records include the evaluation report and IEP developed by the IU. This information is helpful in determining the child's current needs and eligibility at the school-age level.

Why does my child need an evaluation from New Hope-Solebury?

The primary purpose of the NHSD evaluation is to determine eligibility and the degree of need for special education services at the school-age level. Students are only eligible for special education services if they meet the criteria for one of 13 school-age categories defined by Chapter 14 Regulations, this does not include the Developmental Delay diagnosis.

Who will complete the New Hope-Solebury evaluation?

A certified school psychologist will complete the evaluation along with other professionals as needed, for example, speech/language therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist; input from the school counselor, classroom teacher, parent, and special education director may also be included. The school psychologist will contact you prior to starting the evaluation.

Who do I contact if I have question about the evaluation or the process?

Please contact the school psychologist, Dr. Jennifer Wind, at 215-862-8026 Ext. 1208 or via email at jwind@nhsd.org.

Will my child receive an IEP?

If your child has met the two-pronged eligibility requirement stated by regulation for one of the 13 categories listed in Chapter 14, an IEP will be developed within 30 days of the report. District services will begin at the start of the school year. Students will continue to receive IU services through the summer as per the IU calendar.

What happens if my child does not qualify for an IEP?

Children who do not qualify for special education services may be eligible to participate in the general education supports offered at each elementary school. You child may also be eligible for services under Chapter 15 (American with Disabilities Act), consideration of a Chapter 15-504 Service Agreement may be discussed at the MDT meeting.

May I observe a district special education class?

If a student is recommended for a special education, parents may visit the proposed class once the IEP has been developed. These arrangements are made with the special education director

What about transportation?

All kindergarten students receive transportation to and from school.

Will my child receive services if I send him/her to private kindergarten?

In order to receive district services, children must enroll in the New Hope-Solebury School District.