

SERVICES FOR PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations that are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of school programs and extracurricular activities to the extent appropriate to the student's abilities. To qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental handicap which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program.

Services for protected handicapped students are distinct from those applicable to disabled students enrolled in special education programs. Protected handicapped students fall under Pennsylvania's Chapter 15, sometimes known by its federal name, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). In contrast, students with disabilities who qualify for special education services are covered by regulations contained in Pennsylvania's Chapter 711. While both Chapter 711 and 15 provide services to students, there are technical differences between the two. Additional information about evaluation procedures and provision of services to protected handicapped students is available by contacting the Associate Principal, Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School, 320 Marguerite Avenue, Wilmerding, PA 15148.