

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

NORTHERN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Procedures for referrals

When a student is performing below their expected educational level, students can be referred to the student support team by teachers. This is a pre-referral process in which all the students' support (teachers, parents, counselors, etc.) meet to discuss the child's progress. This team will collect multiple points

of data including current grades, attendance, discipline records as well as brief surveys that are

completed by the parents and teachers. Once all the data is collected, the team will meet

and determine an appropriate course of action that may include suggestions for interventions in his/her current classes, or if needed a referral for a multi-disciplinary evaluation by the school psychologist that looks to determine if there is a need for special

education services. The main goal of the Student Support Team is to ensure that all resources are being

used to ensure that the student is succeeding in the least restrictive environment.

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CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT TEAM

Outline of CMT responsibilities

The Northern Cambria School District now has a concussion management team for both the high school as well as the elementary/middle school. This team will work to ensure that any student who suffers a concussion inside or outside of school will receive the proper supports that are needed for that ...

MEET THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Hello, I am Troy Eppley and I am serving as the Interim Special Education Director at Northern Cambria School District. I am employed by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 and bring 12 years of experience in special education to your district. I look forward to working with the students, staff, and parents while in this great district. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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student to return to school. Teams consist of an administrator, guidance counselor, and school nurse- who work with teachers and students to monitor academic progress while the student is still presenting symptoms of the concussion. For additional information, please visit the following website: www.brainsteps.net.

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 Services

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 acts as a service provider for school districts within a four-county area. Types of services and supports vary from each district due to each individual need. Currently at Northern Cambria, Appalachia IU08 is providing services for the Director of Special Education Director and School Psychologist. The district is also hosting a multi-district Autistic Support classroom that is in the Northern Cambria Elementary School. This classroom is staffed by IU08 teachers and paraprofessionals and incorporates an Applied Behavior Analysis approach.

Early Intervention Services

Appalachia IU08 also offers early intervention services for families who have children within the ages of 3-5 and are not enrolled in Kindergarten and feel there may be a need for additional services. For more information, please visit <http://www.iu08.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=399>

Gifted Education Update

The district continues to work to improve upon the gifted education services that are offered. Jenny Westrick has been named the full time gifted support teacher for grades K-12. She continues to work to develop the program by participating in professional learning opportunities which include taking part in a "Gifted Education Boot Camp" which is offered by the Appalachia IU08 as well as creating a network of resources with the neighboring districts. In addition to the networking, she is also arranging field trips to colleges, universities, and business so students can experience these first hand and will be able to make more informed decisions on their futures. Students have already visited Carnegie Mellon University and Pittsburgh University.

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