

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Notice of Services for Homeschooled Students 2019-2020

The intent of this correspondence is to notify Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) residents who have elected to implement homeschool instruction for their children, about services that BCPS will provide during the 2019-2020 school year to eligible students with disabilities. The provisions for 34 CFR §§300.130—300.144 and COMAR 13A.05.01.16 that apply to students with disabilities enrolled in private schools by their parent/guardian do not pertain to students with disabilities receiving homeschool instruction. As a result, for the 2020-2021 school year, related services through a service plan will no longer be provided for students who receive homeschool instruction.

BCPS agrees to continue to provide services to students with disabilities who reside in Baltimore County and who receive homeschool elementary and secondary instruction, as outlined in this notice, during the 2019-2020 school year for the remainder of this year. Services documented on the student's service plan will be provided according to the BCPS' school calendar from September 2019 through May 2020. At that time, related services through a service plan for students who receive homeschool instruction will end.

For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, BCPS will provide:

- *Child Find*: BCPS will continue to locate, identify, and evaluate all students who may have a disability and who are homeschooled and live within Baltimore County, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Maryland State Department of Education. Families may call the Office of Child Find at 443-809-3017. Child Find services are available twelve (12) months of the year.
- *Speech and Language Therapy*: Speech & Language therapy will be provided up to one (1) hour per week. These services will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year.
- *Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy*: Occupational and physical therapy will be provided up to one-half (1/2) hour per week. These services will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year.
- *Itinerant Service*: BCPS will provide itinerant services for visually impaired, hearing impaired, and deaf student's up to one (1) hour per week. These services will be provided up to thirty (30) weeks per school year. BCPS will provide FM systems and audiology services, as appropriate, to eligible students with disabilities.

BCPS will provide the services listed above at public school sites unless alternative arrangements are deemed reasonable by BCPS.

For the 2020-2021 school year and in the future, BCPS will only provide:

- *Child Find:* BCPS will continue to locate, identify, and evaluate all students who may have a disability and who are home-schooled and live within Baltimore County, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Maryland State Department of Education. Families may call the Office of Child Find at 443-809-3017. Child Find services are available twelve (12) months of the year.

Thank you for your collaboration in serving the students of this county. Please contact the Office of Special Education at 443-809-3660, if you have any questions or concerns.