

September 29, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child is of transition age. If your child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement they would likely be eligible for numerous services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR). Your child is invited to attend an informative meeting regarding OVR services during the school day. A few topics are Paid Work Experiences, Post-Secondary Funding and so much more.

The meeting will be held during the school day on **October 17, 2023** at the Frazier High School building. Your child will receive an email prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or would like your child to *opt out* of the meeting, please contact the Special Education Office before October 10th.

In addition an informative parent/guardian meeting will be offered both in person at Frazier High School Library and virtually using the link below on **October 17, 2023** at 4:00PM. The meeting link will also be posted on the school website under the student support services tab.

Parent meeting will be held at the following location:
Frazier High School Library
142 Constitution Street, Perryopolis, PA 15473

Parent virtual meeting will be at the following link:
2023-2024 OVR Parent Initial Informational Meeting
Tuesday, October 17 · 4:00 – 5:00pm
Time zone: America/New_York
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/azw-vjsw-hnu>
Or dial: (US) +1 216-755-4586 PIN: 471 969 042#

If you have any questions regarding OVR, you may also contact the Early Reach Coordinator, Jonette Gallo via email at jongallo@pa.gov or by phone 724.223.4460.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Johnson
Director of Special Education

WHAT IS OVR?

OVR is the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Historically, OVR assisted Adults with disabilities to prepare for, secure and maintain employment. However, in recent years, OVR's mandate has expanded and OVR now provides a wide variety of Pre Employment Transition Services to any student with a barrier (which is defined as any student with an IEP or 504).

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY FOR OVR SERVICES PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2023

As a result of OVR's inability to provide all Pre Employment Transition Services during COVID, OVR has lessened the eligibility requirements for students who apply for Full OVR services during 23/24 School Year. As a result, most students with IEPs or 504 will likely be eligible for FULL OVR services if they apply prior to June 30, 2024.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Any Student who is 16 or older with IEP or 504.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT APPLY FOR SERVICES THIS YEAR

- OVR will coordinate with the school to schedule outreach/informational sessions where OVR staff will share the benefits of opening an OVR case as well as send home packets to parents with the 3 forms that require parent signatures if you are interested in your child receiving OVR services.

FULL OVR Services (While in School AND after graduation)

- Funding for Post-Secondary Education (Trade schools/College/Occupational Certificate)
- Placement Tools Equipment employer requires to work (ex: tools needed to be a carpenter, welder, etc.)
- Assistive Technology
- Drivers Instruction
- Paid Work-Based Experiences
- Placement Assistance/Employer Wage Reimbursement
- And many other services required for your student to achieve their job goal

OVR will provide more details at this meeting. Please don't miss this opportunity!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Early Reach Coordinator, Jonette Gallo via email jongallo@pa.gov or by phone 724-223-4460. The OVR meeting date and time will also be posted on the Frazier School District's Website under the Student Support Services tab.