



**February 6, 2023**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**You are receiving this letter because your child is of transition age. If your child has an IEP or 504 they would likely be eligible for numerous services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Services (OVR). You are invited to attend an informative virtual meeting regarding OVR services.**

**Please join us on **February 21, 2023** at 4:30 pm. The meeting link will be posted on the school website under the student support services tab.**

**Meeting will be at the following link:**

**2022-2023 OVR Parent Initial Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 21 · 4:30 – 5:30pm**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dxw-rjab-nsg>**

**Or dial: (US) +1 727-483-5732 PIN: 352 182 261#**

**Sincerely,**

**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 22/23 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, 2023.

## **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, Mr. James Walsh via email [jameswalsh@pa.gov](mailto:jameswalsh@pa.gov) or by phone at 724.288.9414/724.503.0444. The OVR meeting date and time will also be posted on the Frazier School District's Website under the Student Support Services tab.