

Gilmer County Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and state rule 160-4-7 require that Gilmer County Schools provide private school administrators with parentally placed students with disabilities and parents of home-schooled children with disabilities information regarding the provision of equitable special education services. Parentally-placed students with disabilities in private schools or home-schooled students are not entitled to the free appropriate public education (FAPE) that they would receive if enrolled in public school, but the district will provide services based on a proportionate share of federal funds.

To plan accordingly for the 2023-2024 school year, Gilmer County Schools will host a consultation meeting with parents of home-schooled children located in Gilmer County on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Professional Learning Room at the Larry Walker Education Center located at 1860 South Main Street, Ellijay, GA 30540.

If you plan to attend, please respond via email to erin.low@gilmerschools.com.

Participants wishing to attend virtually should submit a written request to erin.low@gilmerschools.com.

The following topics will be discussed at the meeting:

- The Child Find process.
- The determination of proportionate share of Federal Funds available to serve parentally placed private school children with disabilities.
- How the consultation process among the LEA and parentally placed private school children will take place.
- How, where, and by whom special education and related services will be provided.

If you are unable to attend and have questions, please call the Student Services Office at 706-276-5030 to discuss the process.