

## **Pupil Personnel Services**

All children can learn when provided a free, appropriate, public education (known as FAPE in federal laws); therefore, all children are entitled to the necessary supports, services and programs needed to benefit from an education. Students receive these supports in typical school settings whenever possible, a principle known as the Least Restrictive Environment (or LRE). In most cases, these services are mandated by federal and state laws and regulations and are supported in part by corresponding federal and state aid to the district. Some students may need such services as speech therapy, counseling, OT or PT for short periods of time. These students have

Other students may be at risk of not meeting state standards and achieving a high school diploma without more coordinated and extended support. The district has several committees that meet regularly with parents to coordinate plans for these students. Among these is the *504 Committee* (named after a section of federal law) which arranges for evaluations of students known or suspected of having a disability that interferes with a major life activity, including but not limited to learning. If appropriate, Committee and parents develop a *504 Accommodation Plan* which is shared with the student's teachers. Examples of students who are eligible include children with asthma, diabetes, allergies, ADHD/ADD, and mental health needs.

For students who may require more support, the *Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)* for children ages 3-5 and the *Committee on Special Education (CSE)* for students ages 5-21 work closely with parents to provide an evaluation and, if needed, an Individual Education Plan, to ensure that students will be able to progress towards the NYS Standards and benefit from an education. Students with special educational needs are on the same path to a diploma as all other students and, with exceptions for fewer than 1% of students, take the same local and state exams as all Naples students.

Parents or guardians who suspect that their child has an educational disability are encouraged to contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, at (585) 374-7910.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

*The Naples School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including career and technical education opportunities, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. Grievance procedures are available to interested persons by contacting the person(s) listed below: Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to:*

***Section 504 Coordinator (handicap discrimination)***  
***Director of Pupil Personnel***  
***136 North Main St., Naples NY 14512***  
***585-374-7910***