

Highland Pines School

Student Referral Form Cover Page

Highland Pines School is a Cooperative Center-based Program run by Tuscola Intermediate School District on behalf of its' nine constituent local school districts. Highland Pines School is responsible for providing the following programs:

Cognitive Impairment (Moderate) MoCI	R.340.1739
Cognitive Impairment (Severe) SCI	R.340.1738
Severe Multiple Impairment SXI	R.340.1714
Early Childhood Special Education ECSE	R.340.1714

Students served in these programs are "low incidence students" who have a full-scale IQ score of 55 or less and function at least three standard deviations below the norm in all areas of achievement. All decisions regarding appropriate placement will follow the process outlined in the attached document "HPS Student Referral Information Form". The final decision regarding appropriateness for placement at Highland Pines School rests with the Supervisor/Principal of Highland Pines School. In addition to the information gathered by the site visit and data review, the decision for placement must be consistent with IDEA requirements as listed in IEP Notice Requirements:

The Superintendent or designee of the operating district assures that:

1. To the maximum extent appropriate, a person who has a disability, including a person who is assigned to a public or private institution or other care facility, is educated with persons who do not have disabilities.
2. Placement of a person who has a disability in special classes, separate schools, or the removal of a person who has a disability from the general education environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in a regular class using supplementary aids and services cannot be satisfactorily achieved.
3. The placement for the student is as close as possible to his or her home.
4. Unless the IEP of a student with a disability requires some other arrangement, the student is educated in the school that he or she would attend if non-disabled.
5. In selecting the least restrictive environment, consideration shall be given to any potentially harmful effects to the student or the quality of services that the student needs.
6. A child with a disability will not be removed from education in age-appropriate regular classrooms solely because of needed accommodations in the general curriculum.

There is a separate referral process in place for enrolling preschoolers and infants with developmental delays. If you have questions you can contact Holly Main or Cathy Savoie at (989) 673-5200.

The completed HPS Student Referral Information form can be mailed or faxed to Tracey Henry, Principal, Highland Pines School, 1381 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723 or faxed at (989) 672-4603. If you have any questions about this process, please call Tracey Henry at (989) 673-5200 ext. 30455.