



# HEMPFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES 2015-2016

LANDISVILLE, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## DESIGNED TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS

The Student Services department at Hempfield School District is designed to provide a comprehensive academic support system for all students. The division encompasses registration, counseling, social work, and health services. For students with exceptional needs, the department provides supports through special and alternative education. The Student Services team provides the very best in academic, social, and emotional care to meet the needs of Hempfield's diverse population. El personal de la oficina habla español.

### DISTRICT REGISTRATION

When families first arrive at Hempfield School District, they are greeted by our staff in student registration. Here the staff collects state-required information such as immunization history, academic record, birth certificates, and residency information to determine the appropriate setting to meet the needs of students.

Once student registration is complete, staff connects the family with the Transportation and Food Services departments and contacts the receiving school. School officials contact families to arrange a time to meet and get to know the student and family to ensure a positive start to their Hempfield education.

### ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

The Hempfield Education for Life Program (HELP) is the district-operated Alternative Education program. The HELP program works intensely with students and families to identify barriers to educational success and methodically provides the needed supports to help students remediate academic skills, improve behavioral functioning, support social/emotional needs, and provide a small, supportive environment in which students may practice their newfound skills in order to succeed. The HELP program teaches courses that align with the Hempfield curriculum through integrated technology, small group instruction, and one-to-one tutoring. Students actively engage in community service projects in literacy and environmental awareness.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

All children learn differently and at differing rates. Special education services are designed to identify potential barriers to academic success and methodically remediate skills through individualized education plans. Special education services include general instructional service in math and reading, as well as services in speech therapy, mobility therapy, occupational therapy, auditory processing, and provide transition services to students who are graduating.

### HEALTH SERVICES

Student Service personnel who provide health services for students include certified school nurses, health room nurses, consulting physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, and dentists.

Along with caring for student and faculty illnesses and emergencies, school nurses maintain health and immunization records on all students, perform state-mandated health screenings, administer doctor-prescribed medications, perform nursing procedures, assist physicians and dentists with school examinations, provide health counseling and referrals, provide classroom instruction on health-related topics, and serve as a parent and classroom consultant in health-related matters.

When the certified school nurse must be out of the building, a health room nurse who is either an RN or LPN manages the health room under the direction of the certified school nurse and building principal.



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## COUNSELING SERVICES

Hempfield School District employs school counselors who serve students in grades K-12. Counselors identify and remediate barriers to learning, thereby creating success for all students so they may achieve their full potential as citizens in an ever-changing society.

Counselors offer a host of services to Hempfield students including one-to-one counseling, outpatient referral for on-going treatment, coordination of services with county mental health agencies, psychoeducational groups, career counseling, classroom instruction on positive communication and social skills, and provide key transition services as students move on to post-secondary options.

## PSYCHOLOGISTS

School psychologists provide myriad services to students and families. The psychologists are mental health practitioners who perform critical diagnosis of academic and psychological concerns that affect a child's ability to maximize their potential in life. This in-depth analysis of students' abilities demonstrates a need for special or gifted education. They provide consultation for behavioral intervention for students who exhibit behaviors that impair their ability to function successfully in class. Psychologists work with counselors, social workers, and community agencies to identify services in the community to provide psychological support services.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Our Social Workers/Home & School Visitors provide support and services to schools and families in order to reduce educational barriers, thereby enhancing the student's educational experience. In addition, these key personnel facilitate the implementation of parent education programs, parent-at-risk training, gang training, bullying programs, and explores the needs for after-school programming, tutoring services, and diversity awareness programs.

Our Social Workers/Home & School Visitors serve as a liaison between school and community resources and groups. They assist staff in determining student or family needs for supportive services and collaborate with principals and staff regarding attendance and the special care needs of students. They monitor student attendance, assist attendance personnel and principals to ensure procedural uniformity when following regulations and Basic Education Circulars (BEC) of the school attendance laws. They attend court proceedings on attendance issues as district representatives, ensure students are living within the jurisdiction of the district, and facilitate in-house staff development regarding local social services.

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