



Naperville Central High School

440 W. Aurora Ave

Naperville, Illinois 60540

Juniors/Seniors Continuing Services

TO: NCHS Parents/Guardians

RE: Application for Department Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

As part of your student's transition process, we would like to offer him/her the opportunity to open a case with the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). DRS is the state's lead agency serving individuals with disabilities (IEP or 504 plan). DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment and education or training opportunities. Students that will benefit from services for employment or education/training may begin the application process here at NCHS and will continue while a student at Connections. The state provides various services and supports to gain meaningful employment. These include college/training financial contribution and employment assistance upon exiting school services.

If you choose at this time not to open your student's case, you are still eligible to open when attending Connections. In order to open, his/her case with DRS now, complete the following forms, sign and submit to me by May 1st. I will then submit to DRS along with the required IEP document of the applicant.

ALL PAPERWORK IS DUE TO NCHS BY May 1st, in order to process prior to sending onto DRS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please call me at 630-420-4262 or email at jjansen@naperville203.org

Jennifer Jansen

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What is the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)?

- DHS's Division of Rehabilitation Services is the state's lead agency serving individuals with disabilities. DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities

Who is eligible for DRS services?

- All students with a documented disability receiving services outlined in an IEP or a 504 Plan.
- Students who plan on attending college or a vocational/trade school or program
- Students who will need assistance finding and keeping a job in the future

What services can DRS offer to students who are attending college or trade school next year?

- Financial assistance with college/trade school*
 - Able to provide financial assistance for trade school, community college, and (in some cases) 4-year universities → Students **must** have identified a program of study
- Can assist individuals to find a job in their field of interest/study following graduation

**DRS requires FAFSA to be completed by all clients*

Financial assistance from DRS is **not always influenced by parental income*

Stipulations for Continued Financial Aid:

- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better (if GPA goes lower, person is determined ineligible)
- Will not pay for retakes for classes that are failed
- 3 years to complete a 2 year program and 5 years to complete a 4 year program
- Must be students seeking a degree or certification, not remedial classes or “trials”
- Students must have identified program of study before DRS will assist financially
- Grades, schedule, and tuition bill must be submitted at the end of each semester

DRS Informational Meetings:

- DRS Counselor will be coming to NNHS in the spring to hold informational meetings (pending COVID restrictions) for students and families. If necessary virtual meetings will be arranged. All referral and intake meetings after graduation will be taking place at the DRS Downers Grove office based on their procedures at that time.

Downers Grove DRS Office

Rehabilitation Services

2901 Finley Road, Suite 109

Downers Grove, IL 60515

Phone: (630) 495-0500

(For self-referral after high school)

Referral Link: <https://wr.dhs.illinois.gov/wrpublic/wr/dynamic/referral.jsf>

DHS: Rehabilitation Services: Referral and Application

Last Name:			
First Name:			
Middle Initial:		Gender:	
Other Program Code: Veteran: (Y) or (N)		Medicaid Recipient (Y) (N) Migrant Worker (Y) (N)	
Reason for Referral:		College / Career Training	
Disability:			
Social Security Number:			
Age/Date of Birth:			
Address:			
County:			
Phone Number:			
Contact (cell or home)			
Email Address:			
Referral Service		Naperville Central High School	
		Jennifer Jansen	
		(630) 420-4262	
		jjansen@naperville203.org	
Accommodations or Language needs:			



State of Illinois
Department of Human Services- Division of Rehabilitation Services
Consent for Services (if under age 18)

I hereby give consent (permission) for _____ to receive and participate in vocational rehabilitation services that will lead to employment.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Administrative Center	203 W Hillside Road	Naperville, IL 60540-6589	630-420-6465	FAX: 630-420-6566
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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE/EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

I/we hereby authorize the exchange of communications and the release/exchange of the following records concerning

(student's name)

(birthdate)

between **Naperville School District 203** agents and employees and:

Name/Title: Risikat Abiola Akinmolayan, M.A.

Agency/Organization: Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services

Address: 2901 Finley Road, Suite #109, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Telephone: 630-495-0500

E-mail: Risikat.Akinmolayan@illinois.gov

The following information will be released/exchanged:

- ☐ All permanent records (including, but not limited to, basic identifying information, academic transcript, attendance records, health records and scores received on all State assessments administered in grades 9-12, where applicable)
- ☐ All temporary records (including, but not limited to, scores on State assessments administered in grades K-8, discipline records, health-related information, accident reports, aptitude and achievement test results, report cards, progress monitoring information, special education records, and Section 504 records)
- ☒ All IEP/special education and/or Section 504 records
- ☒ Other (specify): Communication

These disclosures are authorized pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g, 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq., and 740 ILCS 110/1 et seq.,* and are to be made for the purpose of:

- ☒ Educational evaluation and/or planning
- ☐ Other (specify): _____

I understand that I have the right to inspect and copy the information to be disclosed, challenge its contents, and limit my consent to designated records or portions of the information contained in those records. I also understand that my refusal to consent to the exchange of records and communications could result in incomplete and/or inappropriate educational planning for the student. This consent expires one year from the date indicated below. However, I understand that I have the right to revoke this consent in writing at any time.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

WITNESS SIGNATURE (for mental health/
developmental disability records)

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE (for mental health/
developmental disability records, if student is age 12 or older)

DATE

* NOTE: Prior to the release of protected health information, health care providers may require the parent/guardian to execute an additional authorization form to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (AHIPAA@).

SEND RECORDS TO:

District 203 Principal Jackie Thornton

District 203 School Naperville Central High School

District 203 Address 440 W. Aurora Avenue

Naperville, IL 60540