



## **Naperville North High School**

899 North Mill Street  
Naperville, Illinois 60563

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Juniors/Seniors Continuing Services

TO: NNHS Parents/Guardians

RE: Application for Department Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

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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 NNHS 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. I will then submit to DRS along with the required IEP document of the applicant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please call me at 630-420-5683 or email at [dmrozinski@naperville203.org](mailto:dmrozinski@naperville203.org).

*Debrah H. Mrozinski*

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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

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

*\*Financial assistance from DRS is **not** always influenced by parental income*
- Can assist individuals to a find job in their field of interest/study following graduation

### **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

<b>Last Name:</b>			
<b>First Name:</b>			
<b>Middle Initial:</b>		<b>Gender:</b>	
<b>Other Program Code:</b> <b>Veteran: (Y) or (N)</b>		<b>Medicaid Recipient (Y) (N)</b> <b>Migrant Worker (Y) (N)</b>	
<b>Reason for Referral:</b>		<b>College / Career Training</b>	
<b>Disability:</b>			
<b>Social Security Number:</b>			
<b>Age/Date of Birth:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>County:</b>			
<b>Phone Number:</b>			
<b>Contact (cell or home)</b>			
<b>Email Address:</b>			
<b>Referral Service</b>		<b>Naperville North High School</b>	
		<b>Debrah Mrozinski</b>	
		<b>(630) 848-5683</b>	
		<b>dmrozinski@naperville203.org</b>	
<b>Accommodations or Language needs:</b>			



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

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

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(Parent or Guardian Signature)

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(Date)

<b>Administrative Center</b>	<b>203 W Hillside Road</b>	<b>Naperville, IL 60540-6589</b>	<b>630-420-6465</b>	<b>FAX:630-420-6566</b>
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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:**

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 District 203 School Naperville North High School  
 District 203 Address 899 North Mill Street  
Naperville, IL 60563-8998