

## **Chapter 15 ~ Protected Handicapped Student**

A Protected Handicapped Student is a student who is school age with a physical or mental disability that substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to any aspect of the school program. In compliance with State and Federal Law, the School District provides to each protected handicapped student without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aides, services, or accommodations needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are different from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students.

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provision of services to protected handicapped students contact Mr. Ronald R. Rowe, Assistant Superintendent, Mercer Area School District at 724-662-5100 Ext. 10.

