

## Maritime Academy Charter School Annual Notice

In compliance with State and Federal Law, Maritime Academy Charter School conducts on-going identification activities as part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may need special education and related services. If your child is identified by the school as needing such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following disabilities:

- Autism
- Deaf-blindness
- Deafness
- Emotional disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual disability (previously mental retardation)
- Multiple disabilities
- Orthopedic disability
- Other health impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Speech or language impairment
- Traumatic brain Injury
- Visual Impairment, including blindness

If you believe your school-age child may need special education and related services, screening and evaluation procedures designed to assess the needs of the child and his/her eligibility are available to you at no cost, upon written request. You may request screening and evaluation at any time. Requests are to be made in writing to Director of Special Education. Communications with parents are in English and, if necessary, in the native language or other mode of communication used by the parents or student.

In compliance with State and Federal Law, Maritime Academy will provide, to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide access for a student to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student,

the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. Services are provided based on need rather than disability category.

Charter schools (CSs) are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, some school-age children with disabilities who do not meet eligibility criteria outlined above might be eligible for protections and adaptations, and accommodations, if they have a mental or physical disability that substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to a school program. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15.

For further information on the procedural rights of parents and their children, provision of services, evaluation and screening (including purpose, time and location), you may contact the Director of Special Education, 215-535 4555 ext. 321.

Confidentiality: All information generated about your child is subject to the confidentiality provisions contained in Federal and State Law. The school has policies and procedures in effect governing the collection, maintenance, destruction and disclosure to third parties of this information. For information about these policies and procedures, as well as rights of confidentiality and access to educational records, you may contact, in writing, the Director of Special Education , Arsenal Business Center 2275 Bridge Street Building 11 Phila., PA 19137; 215 535-4555 ext. 321

Maritime Academy Charter School offers programs for students who have English as their second language. The ESL program at Maritime Academy provides support and intensive instruction in English and American culture to Non- and Limited English Proficient (NEP and LEP) students which will enable them to become successful in the mainstream classroom, the school environment, and the community at large.