

Annual Notices

Equal Opportunity

In conformance with the Illinois State Board of Education, Civil Rights Laws, the general public is informed that the Whiteside Area Career Center and the Sterling Schools offer vocational and educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or religion.

Special Education

Sterling Public Schools presently provides special education evaluation, identification and placement services to students who qualify according to P.L.94-142. These services are at no cost to parents and are consistent with the provision to provide a free, appropriate public education to qualifying students. If you suspect your child may qualify for services or you would like more information on these services, contact your school principal or Laurie Heston, Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, 506 W. 4th Street, Sterling, 815-622-0858.

Nondiscrimination

Sterling Public Schools has adopted Board policies and rules for nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap or disability relative to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and its administrative regulations, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a sexual harassment policy. These policies and rules, which are available in the District Office and each attendance center, outline proper procedures and grievance processes for these laws.

Student Information

Periodically, student information, upon approval of the Superintendent, may be released to nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonreligious organizations. If you do not want information released, contact the principal at your child's school.

Non-Custodial Parent

Unless prohibited by court order, a non-custodial parent is entitled to receive information regarding student progress, grades, etc. The non-custodial parent must make this request in writing each year to the building principal.

Asbestos

Each school district is required to file an Asbestos Management Plan. A copy is available at the Administrative Services office. All materials containing asbestos materials are currently in satisfactory condition and meet the state and federal requirements.

Pesticide Notification

Sterling Public Schools practices Integrated Pest Management, a program that combines preventive techniques, non-chemical pest control methods, and the appropriate use of pesticides with a preference for products that are the least harmful to human health and the environment. The term "pesticide" includes insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, and fungicides. This school district is establishing a yearly registry of people who wish to be notified prior to pesticide applications. To be included in this registry, contact district office to obtain documentation.

Public Access

Individuals may obtain information concerning sex offenders at the Illinois State Police website, www.isp.state.il.us. Information may also be obtained from any police department or sheriff's department.

Budget Information

In accordance with 105 ILCS 5/17-1.2, the Sterling Public Schools current annual budget is available on the district's website at <http://www.sterlingpublicschools.org/district/fi/pdf/budget.pdf>