

Notice of Transfer of Rights to Students with Disabilities Who Reach Age of Majority Model Form

This form is provided to you to inform you of the rights your student will obtain when they turn 18.

This information should not be used to take your student's rights away.

When a student who is eligible for special education in Texas turns age 18, all rights given to his or her parent under federal and state special education law transfer to the student. This transfer of rights means that the student may access his or her education records, make his or her own educational decisions, and sign consent for evaluations and placement, just like any other student the age of 18. While the student's parent(s) will continue to receive notices of the student's admission, review, and dismissal committee (ARDC) meetings, his or her parent(s) may attend the meeting with the student's permission.

In some situations, a student may need additional support in making educational and life decisions. In that case, there are options that a student and his or her parent(s) may explore. The options range from guardianship to Supported Decision Making Agreements., Guardianship can be very restrictive regarding the student's ability to make decisions and will take away all of your child's rights to make their own decisions. Supported-decision making agreements are another option, which is very flexible about allowing the student to make his or her educational and life decisions, while still maintaining your involvement in their educational decisions.

This notice includes information about options and supports that are available to adult students and their parents. If you have additional questions, please speak with the staff at your school or contact the organizations listed in the following resources.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received this notice and that you have been informed that on _____, parental rights, as described above, transfer to the adult student. (Date Student Turns Age 18)

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

School Representative's Signature: _____

Current Date: _____