

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING IMPAIRED PARENTS

The Board of Education assures parents or persons in parental relation who are hearing impaired the right to meaningful access to school-initiated meetings or activities pertaining to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their children's education. School initiated meetings or activities are defined to include, but are not limited to:

- Parent Teacher Conferences;
- Committee on Special Education (CSE) or building level team meetings;
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational process;
- Career planning; and
- Suspension hearings or other conferences with school officials relating to disciplinary actions.

The term "hearing impaired" shall include any hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, which prevents meaningful participation in School District meetings or activities.

The School District will provide an interpreter for the hearing-impaired parent if a written request for the service has been submitted to and received by the district within fourteen (14) days of the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the School District will then make other reasonable accommodations which are satisfactory to the parents (e.g., note-taker, transcript, decoder, or telecommunication device for the deaf). These services will be made available by the district at no cost to the parents.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to maintain a list of available interpreters and to develop procedures to notify parents of the availability of interpreter services, the time limitation for requesting these services, and of the requirement to make other reasonable accommodations satisfactory to the parents should an interpreter not be available.

Hearing-impaired parents are requested to submit the attached form to request accommodation of their disability within fourteen (14) days of the scheduled meeting or activity.

Ref: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12134
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794
Education Law §3230
8 NYCRR §100.2(aa)

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