

**INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS**

The Board of Education recognizes that those District parents with hearing impairments which prevent a meaningful participation in their child's educational program must be afforded an opportunity equal to that afforded other parents to participate in meetings or activities pertaining to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their child's education. Accordingly, and pursuant to law, the School District will provide an interpreter for hearing-impaired parents for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings or activities including, but not limited to:

- Parent/teacher conferences
- Student Support Team Meetings
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress
- Career planning
- Suspension hearings or other conference with school officials relating to disciplinary actions
- Committee on Special Education Meetings

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 building administrator or the Pupil Personnel Services Office within 10 working days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the 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 directs the Superintendent of Schools 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.

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)  
*Rothschild v. Grottenthaler*, 907 F.2d 286 (2d Cir. 1990)

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