

INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPARED PARENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that those district parents with hearing impairments which prevent 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
- Child/study or building level team meetings
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress
- Career planning
- Suspension hearings or other conference with school officials relating to disciplinary actions

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 2 days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. In the absence of a prior written request, the district will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations. If an interpreter is unavailable, the district will then make other reasonable accommodations which are satisfactory to the parents (e.g., notetaker, transcript, decoder, or telecommunication device for the deaf). These services will be made available by the district at no cost to the parents.

The Superintendent of schools will maintain a list of available interpreters and will 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 parent should an interpreter not be available.

Hearing impaired parents are requested to submit the attached form to request accommodation of their disability.

Mandated Policy

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