

Policy Information

Series 1000 - Community Relations

Participation by the Public

Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents

Policy # 1230

The Board of Education recognizes that those District parents/guardians (“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 conferences 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 School District within five (5) days prior to 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., notetaker, transcript, decoder, or telecommunication device for the deaf). These services will be made available by the School District at no cost to the parents.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools or 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.

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Policy References:

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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Accommodation Request

Parents in need of interpreter services are asked to complete this form:

TO: Superintendent of Schools

Lakeland Central School District

FROM:

Name

Address

Please identify the type of interpreter needed:

_____ Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired: () American Sign; () English

In the event an interpreter is not available, please identify the type of alternative service preferred:

_____ Written Communication

_____ Transcripts

_____ Decoder

_____ Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)

_____ Other (please specify) _____