

Procedural Safeguards Talking Points

(For children 3 to 21)

As a parent/guardian, you have a right to:



Free & Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)

Your child is entitled to an education at no additional cost tailored to their needs, ensuring access to the general curriculum and educational benefits.



Dispute Resolution

Utilize mediation, due process hearings, or file state complaints to resolve disagreements with the school or AEA.



Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

Your child will participate in activities and services with non-disabled peers to the maximum extent suitable for their needs.



Rights During Disciplinary Proceedings

Special procedures apply to disciplinary actions, including manifestation determination meetings, evaluations, and behavior plan creation.



Parental Rights Procedural Safeguards

Be an active member regarding your child's education through participation, decision making, and giving/withdrawing consent.



Receive Prior Notification

Receive notices in your native language prior to any IEP team meetings and/or proposed changes to your child's education.



Educational Records

Review and request changes to your child's educational records, with confidentiality ensured, and consent required for disclosure.



Transfer of Rights

Parental rights transfer to the student upon reaching the age of majority, unless legal steps are taken to establish guardianship.



Independent Educational Evaluation

Request an independent evaluation at no cost if you disagree with the school's evaluation of your child.



Notice of Rights

Receive a copy of the *Procedural Safeguards Manual for Parents* at least annually, upon referral, and during specific events, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of your rights.