

## INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

The Board of Education recognizes that those district parents or guardians 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 or guardians 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 or guardians 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 the district's Title IX Compliance Officer and received no less than five (5) school days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the district will 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 or guardians

The Title IX Compliance Officer will maintain a list of available interpreters. Parents or guardians will be advised annually of availability of interpreter services, the time limitation for requesting these services, and of the requirement to make other reasonable accommodations should an interpreter not be available.

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

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

TO: Superintendent of Schools

\_\_\_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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