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Parents' Rights

Parents' rights are guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Ohio Special Education Regulations. These protections are called procedural safeguards and include the following:

Parental Participation

Parents must be invited to participate in any meeting where their child's eligibility for special education or special education services will be discussed.

Parental Consent

There are certain actions that a school cannot take before it gets consent from a child's parent:

- Before an initial evaluation or a reevaluation is completed.
- Before they provide special education services to a child for the first time.
- Parents are allowed to give consent for the school to provide some special education services but not others.

Prior Written Notice

Schools must provide prior written notice any time they want to change a child's eligibility, special education services, or placement, and any time they refuse to make a change that the parent has requested. This must be done in writing, before they do or don't take an action to change a child's special education services.

Independent Educational Evaluations

An independent educational evaluation, or IEE, is simply an evaluation done by someone who doesn't work for the school.

Access to Records

The IDEA gives parents the right to review any records the school has about their child's eligibility for special education or special education services.

Parent Advocate

As parents, you have a right to bring a friend, advocate, or someone else with you to your child's IEP meeting.

Request a Meeting

As parents, you may request a meeting to change or improve your child's IEP. With the school, you can also agree in writing not to hold an IEP meeting to make changes to the IEP.

Due Process

An impartial due process hearing is a formal hearing that is held at the request of a parent or public agency. This is done to resolve a due process complaint related to a child qualifying for or getting special education and related services.

Mediation

Mediation is a voluntary process for settling disputes between two parties where both parties must agree to settle and resolve their concerns.