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NOTE: The following policy and exhibits are offered to expand the Board's current policy 7211(Provision of Interpreter Services to Parents Who Are Hearing Impaired). We are offering this policy to better define the Board's roles and responsibilities when assisting hearing-impaired parents. Please review for consideration. See additional bold language below.

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 conferences with school officials relating to disciplinary actions

NOTE: This is a required policy. In the paragraph below, we have retained the district's current in the number of days notice the district will require. Districts generally require between 5 to 10 working days notice. Please review to ensure this is the district's current practice.

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 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the district will then make other reasonable accommodations which are satisfactory to the parents (e.g., a 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 Board directs the Superintendent of Schools 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.

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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