

INTERPRETER, DEAF CHILDREN, PARENTS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board adopt the policy of providing an interpreter for the deaf children or parents who are scheduled for our C.S.E. meetings on the placement of said child, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interpreter be supplied on occasions when the situations call for such (i.e. Honor Society Induction, High School Graduation).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendment to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education be adopted in its entirety (copy attached). This policy will be filed under #6156 in the policy book

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AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended by adding a new subdivision (aa) to read as follows:

(aa) Interpretation services for parents and persons in parental relationship who are hearing impaired.

(1) Definitions. For purposes of this subdivision:

- (i) "Hearing Impaired" shall include any hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, the result of which prevents a meaningful participation in school district meetings or activities.
- (ii) "Meeting" or "activity" shall mean those school-initiated meetings or activities attended by parents or persons in parental relationship who are hearing impaired, which are specific to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their child's educational program, including, but not limited to, parent-teacher conferences; child study or building level team meetings; planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress and career planning; suspension hearings or any conference with school officials relating to disciplinary actions.

(2) School district meetings and activities. At any meeting or activity which is conducted by the board of education trustees, school district or a district school and attended by parents or persons in parental relationship who are hearing impaired, such board of education or trustees shall provide interpreter services at no charge to such parents or persons in parental relationship, provided that a written request therefore is made to the school district within the time limitation established by such board of education or trustees pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

- (i) In the event interpreter services are requested, the school district shall appoint an interpreter of the deaf to interpret during the meeting or activity.
- (ii) In the event that an interpreter of the deaf is unavailable, the school district shall make other reasonable accommodations which are satisfactory to the parents or guardians.

(3) Each board of education or trustees shall adopt a policy which shall establish a reasonable time limitation for requesting interpreter services, examples of what constitutes reasonable accommodations pursuant to subparagraph (2) (ii) of this subdivision and how the provisions of this subdivision shall be implemented by such board of education or trustees.