

Procedural Safeguard letter

Date:

Dear _____:

This notice describes your rights and the procedures that safeguard your rights under Pennsylvania Special Education law and regulations, found in Chapters 14 and 342 of the Pennsylvania School Code, and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (P.L. 105-17), commonly referred to as "IDEA '97." These laws and regulations require school districts to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to all students with disabilities who are eligible for special education. FAPE means special education and related services designed to meet the individual educational needs of your child. These services must be described to meet an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and provided at no cost to you.

The information contained in this Notice is important to you and your child. Please take time to review it. While we have attempted to consolidate a great deal of legal language and technical jargon into a readable format, we recognize that the information can be cumbersome. If you need clarification of these requirements, you can seek help from personnel in your school district. You also have the right to be informed of organizations that are established to assist parents in understanding their rights under these laws. A list of some of these resources follows.

If you have concerns about your child's educational program, you may wish to contact your child's teachers, principal, or district administrators. This type of communication is often helpful in resolving concerns. You also have the right under federal law to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and/or to initiate due process procedures as described in Section VI of this notice.

Sincerely,

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