

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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POLICY STATEMENT

New Hampshire RSA 186-C:1 states: “It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that all children in New Hampshire be provided with equal educational opportunities. “

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As the parent¹ of a child who is receiving or may receive special education or special education and related services, you have certain rights, which are protected by state and federal laws and regulations. We want you to know about these rights. They are available in the New Hampshire Department of Education Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook. If you would like a more detailed explanation of these rights, you may call or write to the Special Education Administrator, c/o SAU 16, 30 Linden Street, Exeter, NH 03833 (Telephone 603-775-8646). Questions concerning your rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitative Act of 1973 should be addressed to the Section 504 Coordinator, New Hampshire Department of Education, NH Vocational Rehabilitation, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 20, Concord, NH 03301-2428 (Telephone # 603-271-3993) or to the Guidance Department of your child’s school.

For further information, please contact the main office at your child’s school:

<u>SAU #16 Schools</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>SAU #16 Schools</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Main Street School	603-775-8946	Newfields Elementary	603-772-5555
Lincoln Street School	603-775-8800	Stratham Memorial	603-772-5413
Swasey Central	603-642-3487	Cooperative Middle School	603-775-8700
East Kingston Elementary	603-642-3511	Exeter High School	603-395-2400
Kensington Elementary	603-772-5705	Seacoast School of Technology	603-775-8461

You may contact the following agencies to obtain free or low cost assistance in understanding the special education process and the procedural safeguards available to you:

1. New Hampshire Legal Assistance, 1361 Elm Street, Manchester NH (1-800-562-3174, 603-668-2900) www.nhla.org
2. New Hampshire. Legal Assistance, Simeone Smith House, PO Box 778, Portsmouth NH 03802-0778 www.nhla.org; (1-800-334-3135, 603-431-7411)
3. New Hampshire Bar Association/Pro Bono, 112 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301 (603-224-6942, 1-800-852-3799) www.nhbar.org
4. Parent Information Center (PIC), 54 Old Suncook Road, Concord NH 03302 (603-224-7005, 800-947-7005) www.picnh.org
5. Disabilities Right Center, Inc., P.O. Box 3660, Concord NH 03302 (1-800-834-1721, 603-228-0432) www.drc.org

See Policy: IHBA Programs for Students with Disabilities

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¹ The term parent is defined in Ed 1102.35 of New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Students with Disabilities” as a “natural or adoptive parent, guardian, but not the state when the state has legal guardianship, or a surrogate parent who has been appointed in accordance with Ed 1121.02” of the Rules.