

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** You have the right to:

- a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for your child.
- know about all special education services.
- question or appeal the placement of your child in a special education class or service.
- other educational settings at public expense if a local school is not appropriate.

**EVALUATION:** You have the right to:

- a full, free and individual testing of your child's educational needs for purposes of evaluation and placement.
- refuse permission for evaluation of your child to determine whether s/he is eligible for special education services.
- obtain an outside, independent evaluation if you disagree with the school's evaluation.
- have your child re-evaluated at least every three years if necessary.

**THE IEP PROCESS:** You have the right to:

- participate in planning your child's IEP (the complete statement of all her/his special instruction and related services).
- state your opinions and make recommendations for special education services.
- review your child's IEP and progress toward goals at least once a year.
- request changes in your child's IEP.
- request an IEP meeting at any time.

**WRITTEN NOTIFICATION:** You have the right to:

- be informed in writing, and in enough time to respond, of the school's plan for your child: to evaluate, to place in special education, to hold an IEP meeting, to change the IEP, or to stop special education services.
- be informed in your native language.



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**DUE PROCESS:** You have the right to:

- ask the school to discuss any disagreement about your child's identification, evaluation, IEP, or placement.
- request an impartial hearing if you disagree with the school about your child's identification, evaluation, IEP, or placement.

**RECORDS:** You have the right to:

- see your child's school records at any time and to have copies made.
- know what kinds of records exist and where they are located.
- request that a record be explained, changed, or destroyed.

The Oklahoma Parents Center is dedicated to the equality of children and adults with disabilities. Our mission is to train, inform, educate and support parents, families, professionals and consumers in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth through twenty-six.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, CALL US AT:**

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**PARENTS' RIGHTS CARD**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. Although IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide these services, a child's parents are responsible for protecting these rights.

**INFORMED AND INVOLVED PARENTS ARE A  
CHILD'S FIRST AND BEST ADVOCATE.**