

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION/PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARD STATEMENT

New Jersey Administrative Code for special education (N.J.A.C. 6A:14) and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) are laws that ensure children with disabilities a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. An important part of these laws provides parents with the right to participate in their children's education.

You and representatives of your school district are team members who are responsible for developing an appropriate educational program for your child. This document will describe the state and federal laws affecting the provision of special education to help you understand your rights in the special education process. With this knowledge, you will be prepared to take an active role in your child's education.

This document has been developed for you by the Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, in an effort to provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information. The document is periodically revised to reflect changes in the law, provide additional information that would be of use to you, and to provide the information in a more clear and concise manner.

If you need additional help in understanding your rights, contact information for the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN), Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ), the County Offices of the New Jersey Department of Education and your local school district is listed on page 42 of the New Jersey Department of Education publication, *Parental Rights in Special Education* (revised August 2016).

This is the procedural safeguards statement required in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:14-2.3(g)7.

Reference:

New Jersey Department of Education, *Parental Rights in Special Education*, Revised August 2016).  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/form/prise/prise.pdf>