

INTERPRETERS FOR PARENTS WITH HEARING LOSS

The Board of Education (the Board) recognizes that those Bethlehem Central School District (the District) parents with hearing loss must be afforded an opportunity equal to that afforded other parents to participate in meetings or activities pertaining to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their child's education. Accordingly, and pursuant to law, the District will provide an interpreter for parents with hearing loss for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings or activities including, but not limited to:

- Parent/teacher conferences;
- Child/study or building-level team meetings;
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress;
- Career planning;
- Suspension hearings or other conference with school officials relating to disciplinary actions.

The District will provide an interpreter for the parent with hearing loss if a written request for the service has been submitted to and received by the District within ten days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the District will then make other reasonable accommodations that are satisfactory to the parents (e.g., notetaker, transcript, or virtual interpreter services). These services will be made available by the district at no cost to the parents.

The Board directs the superintendent to maintain a list of available interpreters and to develop procedures to notify parents of the availability of interpreter services, the time limitation for requesting these services, and of the requirement to make other reasonable accommodations satisfactory to the parents should an interpreter not be available.

Parents with hearing loss are requested to submit the attached form to request accommodation for their disability.

Ref: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12134
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794
Education Law §3230
8 NYCRR §100.2(aa)
Rothschild v. Grottenthaler, 907 F.2d 286 (2d Cir. 1990)

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Accommodation Request

Parents in need of interpreter services are asked to complete this form:

TO: Superintendent
Bethlehem Central School District

FROM: _____
Name

Address

Please identify the type of interpreter needed:

___ Interpreter for Persons with Hearing Loss: () American Sign; () English

In the event an interpreter is not available, please identify the type of alternative service preferred:

___ Written Communication

___ Transcripts

___ Virtual Interpreter Services

___ Reschedule the Meeting

___ Other (please specify) _____

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INTERPRETERS FOR PARENTS WITH HEARING LOSS EXHIBIT

Response to requests for accommodation

FROM: Superintendent
Bethlehem Central School District

To: _____
Name

Address

The Bethlehem Central School District hereby:

_____ grants your request for accommodation of a hearing loss in accordance with Board Policy 1925;

_____ denies your request for accommodation of a hearing loss for the following reason:

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