

PRESCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board of Education (the Board) shall ensure that preschool students with disabilities have opportunities to participate in the preschool programs of the Bethlehem Central School District (the District), including timely evaluation and placement.

The director of Special Education and Student Services and/or the chair of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) shall ensure that parents understand that the District may not proceed with the referral and evaluation of a preschool child without parental consent.

Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Committee on Preschool Education that a preschool student is a preschool child with a disability eligible for special education services, the Board shall arrange for the student to receive such programs and services in accordance with the student's individualized education program, commencing with the July, September, or January starting date for the approved program, unless such services are recommended by the Committee less than thirty school days prior to, or after, the appropriate start date selected for the preschool student with a disability. In this case, such services shall be provided as soon as possible following the development of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) but no later than thirty days from the recommendation of the Committee.

If the Board disagrees with the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education, it shall send the recommendation back to the Committee with notice to the parent and the Committee, including a statement of the Board's reasons and that the recommendation will be sent back to the Committee with notice of the need to schedule a timely meeting to review the Board's concerns and to revise the IEP as deemed appropriate.

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