

PROVISION OF IEPs TO TEACHERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

In order to more effectively carry out the District's responsibility to provide a free appropriate education to all eligible students with disabilities, it is the policy of the Board of Education of the Great Neck UFSD to provide regular and special education teachers, related service providers and other service providers with a copy of a student's individualized education program (IEP) to review with continued access to the document during the remainder of the school year or as long as the student remains on the individual's professional caseload, in accordance with the requirements of Education Law 4402(7), while maintaining the appropriate confidentiality requirements guaranteed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

- Prior to the implementation of the IEP, each regular education teacher, special education teacher, related service provider, and other service provider who is responsible for the implementation of a student's individualized education program shall be given a copy of such student's IEP.
- Any copy of a student's IEP provided pursuant to this policy shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed to any other person, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and FERPA.
- In addition, the CSE Chair shall designate a professional employee of the school district with knowledge of the student's disability and education program who shall, prior to the implementation of the IEP, inform each teacher, related service provider, and other individuals with IEP implementation responsibility who would not be provided a copy of the student's IEP (including, but not limited to, a teaching assistant, a teacher aide, and a school bus driver when special transportation is specified on a student's IEP) of his or her specific responsibilities related to implementing a student's IEP and the specific accommodations, program modifications, and supports that must be provided for the student in accordance with the IEP. In most instances this will be the school psychologist at the elementary level and the special education chairperson at the secondary level.
- The employee charged with the duty to inform each teacher, related service provider, and others of their responsibilities relating to the IEP shall also inform those individuals of the obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the IEP.
- A copy of the IEP shall be provided to the student's parents at no cost to the student's parents.