

COMPENSATION OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS

Pursuant to §4404(1) of the Education Law and §200.1 of the Commissioner's Regulations, only a duly qualified hearing officer may preside over an appeal concerning a child with a disability. The Board of Education will employ such hearing officers in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Commissioner's Regulations. Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, if an impartial hearing is currently pending for the same student when a new hearing request is received, the District will appoint the same IHO (Impartial Hearing Officer), if available, who will determine whether or not to consolidate the hearings. Additionally, if the new hearing request concerns an issue that had been previously withdrawn in the 12 months prior, the District shall appoint the same IHO, if available.

A duly qualified hearing officer will be reimbursed in an amount consistent with the rate set forth in the Commissioner's Regulations. A hearing officer may be reimbursed for pre-hearing activities such as: scheduling the time and location of the hearing; conducting pre-hearing conference calls; arranging for interpreters, witnesses, subpoenas and stenographers; and writing letters to the parties involved in the hearing.

A hearing officer may also receive compensation for certain hearing activities including, but not limited to, conducting the hearing, handling settlement agreements placed on the record, participation in settlement discussions and arranging for subsequent hearing dates.

In addition, a hearing officer may be reimbursed for post-hearing activities such as: researching material pertinent to the issues at the hearing; reviewing transcripts, exhibits, post-hearing memoranda of law and the entire record from the hearing; and writing the decision.

Great Neck Public Schools

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