

Series 5000 – Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

D. Welfare

(9) Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities

(l) Due Process

(i) Surrogate Parent Program

Any child considered by the school district to require special education and whose natural parents are unable as defined by law, or who is a ward of the state, or such child is an unaccompanied and homeless youth, as defined in 42 USC 11434a, may be provided with a surrogate parent(s) by the Connecticut State Department of Education in the manner provided by law.

The function of the surrogate parent(s) will be to act as the child’s advocate in the educational decision-making process.

In addition, the surrogate parent will also act as the child’s advocate in the evaluation and planning procedures available to children under Section 504 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act.

Surrogate parent(s) will be informed by the Administration, as are regular parents, annually of the Board policies regarding student conduct and discipline and if the Board suspends or expels a child for conduct that violates Board policy and seriously disrupts the educational process, for carrying a weapon or for selling or distributing drugs.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-094f Definitions
10-94g Appointment of surrogate parent; Procedure for objection to or extension of said appointment. (as amended by PA 00-48 & PA 06-18)
10-94h Term of surrogate parent.
10-94i Rights and liabilities of surrogate parents.
10-94j Regulations re appointment of surrogate parents.
10-94k Funding of surrogate program.
PA 06-18 An Act Concerning Special Education
Section 504 U.S. Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C.791

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