



Special Education Department

Rights of Adult Students and Their Parents

- Students who are 18 years of age or older are entitled to the same rights and procedural safeguards as parents, unless those rights have been specifically removed by a court order (e.g., a conservator has been appointed by the court).
- Adult students, not their parents, must give written consent to a change in their IEP.
- The parents of students who are 18 years of age and older are still entitled to be notified of any proposed change in their IEP (i.e., they still receive notices of IEP meetings and are invited to attend such meetings).
- Parents of adult students retain their right to file for mediation/due process on behalf of their student.
- If the adult student does not wish for their parent to attend an IEP meeting, that request is to be honored. However, best practice is to encourage dual participation with both the student and parent.
- On or before the student's 17th birthday, parents and students must be informed the the parental rights and procedural safeguards related to special education transfer to the student at age 18.