

The mission of the Exceptional Student Education Department is to identify students with learning, behavior, and/or physical needs and to provide educational support services to these students, their parents and teachers, and community agencies



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What Parents of
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Should Know About
Revoking Their
Consent for Placement



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Why do Parents Have the Right to Revoke Consent for Placement After the Initial Placement?

In accordance with regulation 34 CFR 300.300, of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) effective December 31, 2008, parents of students with disabilities (SWDs) have the right to revoke consent for placement after the child has been initially placed and receiving ESE services. Under IDEA law, Congress now guaranteed that parents could remove their child from ESE by requesting this in writing. The district may not use mediation, or a due process hearing request to override the parent request.



What Rights Am I Giving Up if I Revoke Consent For Placement?

If your child is removed from ESE and he/she subsequently violates the code of conduct and is subjected to disciplinary actions, he/she will be treated as a non-disabled student. This means possible out-of school and in-school suspension, without any ESE protections, such as number of days suspended, and in severe cases, possible expulsion and cessation of general education services.

In addition, the student will no longer receive classroom and testing accommodations and will not be eligible for an FCAT waiver. If your child was working on a special diploma before you revoke consent for placement, then he/she will not be eligible for a special diploma. Further, some of his/her courses will not count towards a standard diploma. If your child was working toward a standard diploma and is removed from ESE, then there is no FCAT waiver, and if your child does not attain the required number of credits, the required grade point average, and pass the 10th grade FCAT, then your child will get a certificate of completion.

What are the Required Steps for Me to Reinstate ESE Services for My Child?

Should the parent exercise the right to request re-instatement of ESE services, in writing, the IEP team shall convene and determine if an initial evaluation is required. If so, the team shall require activities prior to referral, as appropriate, consent for initial evaluation, and an initial evaluation which demonstrates that the student meets initial criteria for eligibility for ESE program(s). The 60 day evaluation timeline is applicable when the district conducts an initial evaluation. An IEP would be developed and we would request your consent for placement for ESE, if your child meets eligibility.

The team may determine that an initial evaluation is not needed, i.e., data indicate that the most recent evaluation/reevaluation (including district and state assessment data and classroom performance data) are applicable. Factors the team might consider are if the latest evaluation/reevaluation are within three years and are reflective of the student's current functioning. If this is the case, an IEP meeting would be scheduled with you to determine eligibility for services and write an IEP.