

Sylvan Heights Science Charter School

No.

SECTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION

TITLE: STUDENTS REQUIRING
SURROGATE PARENTS POLICY

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| <p>1. Authority</p> <p>34 C.F.R. 300.515</p> | <p>Sylvan Heights Science Charter School (SHSCS) will assign a surrogate parent whenever: 1) a birth or adoptive parent is unknown or cannot be located; 2) parental rights to make educational decision have been limited or terminated, and there is no foster parent, guardian, or other individual acting in the place of a parent with whom the child lives; or 3) the child is an unaccompanied homeless youth. SHSCS will assign volunteer surrogate parents to represent children in educational matters in a timely manner through the Surrogate Implementation Plan of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. The surrogate parent is a person who acts in the place of the parent to make educational decisions on behalf of a child with a disability in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, and provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE).</p> |
| <p>2. Procedures</p> | <p>The procedure will include the following; SHSCS will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify students who are in need of a surrogate parent; 2. Maintain a list of students who are in need of surrogate parents. 3. Contact the Capital Area Intermediate Unit to seek assistance in locating and assigning surrogate parents. 4. Receive from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit documentation showing that assigned surrogate parents have been properly recruited, selected, trained, and assigned. <p>The assignment will take place within thirty (30) days after a determination that the child needs a surrogate parent.</p> <p>Surrogate parents are afforded all the same rights as other parents of students with disabilities enrolled in SHSCS.</p> |
| <p>References</p> | <p>20 U.S.C. §§1401(23) and 1415 34 C.F.R. §§300.30, 300.45, 300.519 34 C.F.R. §300.111(a)(1),(c)(2) Pa. P.J.C.P. No. 147 Pa. R.J.C.P. No. 1147</p> |