

Not Your Average Wallpaper

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Every time your child has an IEP/Individual Education Program meeting and/or a Re-Evaluation meeting, you are asked, “Would you like a copy of your Parental Rights”, or sometimes they call it your “Rights”, or your “Procedural Safeguards”. There are several names for just one book. The official title is: Parent and Child Rights in Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice. (There is a running joke of and by parents with children in Special Education having enough copies of their Parental Rights to wallpaper their whole bathroom!)

Just imagine, if you plaster the entire book on your bathroom wall, page-by-page in chronological order and did a little reading during each sitting, if you will, just imagine how much knowledge you would gain!

Think about it: this little blue book (blue: English version, yellow: Spanish version) gives one and all: An Explanation of Procedural Safeguards Available Under Provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Ace (IDEA) and the Colorado Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children’s Educational Act (ECEA). This description, taken directly from the front cover, tells you word-by-word, page-by-page what is expected under the law of you, the school, and the District. It’s your very own Advocate-non-Attorney bond and stapled at your fingertips, chalked full of all the basic answers!

Prior Written Notice, Native Language Requirements, Independent Educational Evaluations,, Assess Rights, Amendment of Records at Parental Request, Destruction of Information, State Complaint Procedures, Due Process Complaint Procedures, Hearings on Due Process Complaints, Timelines, Civil Actions, Attorney’s Fees, Discipline of Students with Disabilities, Change of Placement, Placement by Parents in Private Schools at Public Expense, and much, much more! It’s all in that little blue/yellow book that folks joke about using as wallpaper... perhaps you should!

With this month's Schoolhouse News, we at The Arc of Aurora tried to share snippets of high interest areas with you from that little blue/yellow book. We included a variety of links to the specific content areas, but the links will also lead you to a wealth of other information. We hope you take an Internet tour of a few of the resources available to you.

If for some reason, you misplaced your copy and/or you simply would like an electronic copy of your Parent and Child Rights in Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice, here are the links for [the English version](#) and [the Spanish version](#). If you would like another language, please make that request directly to your local school district.