

## **Hastings Public Schools**

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Private School and Homeschool Parents,

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), public schools are obligated to locate, evaluate, and identify all children with disabilities, including those students voluntarily enrolled in and attending nonpublic schools (i.e homeschool or private school). Hastings Public Schools also stands ready to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to non-public students who qualify for special education services.

The attached document (link below) is intended to provide an overview of the special education rights, called procedural safeguards, which are available to parents who have unilaterally enrolled a child with a disability in a nonpublic school. These same procedural safeguards are also available for students with disabilities who have reached the age of 18, who remain eligible for special education and who have enrolled themselves in a nonpublic school.

This notice is not intended to address a parent's specific rights in a particular factual situation. If you need help understanding this notice or anything about your child's education, please contact the principal or school psychologist at the student's assigned/neighborhood school, or you can call the Special Services administration in the district office.

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Procedural Safeguards link