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Surrogate Parent Program Rules and Procedures in Minnesota

“Surrogate parent” means a person appointed by the providing district to intervene on behalf of a pupil, to help ensure that the rights of the pupil to a free and appropriate education are protected. M.R. 2535.0200 Subp. 20b.

Criteria for Selecting Surrogates

- A. The lead agency or other public agency may select a surrogate parent in any way permitted under state law.
- B. Public agencies shall ensure that a person selected as a surrogate parent:
 - i. has no interest that conflicts with the interests of the child he or she represents; and
 - ii. has knowledge and skills that ensure adequate representation of the child CFR 303.406 (c) - Part C.

Responsibilities

A surrogate parent may represent a child in all matters related to:

- A. The evaluation and assessment of the child;
- B. Development and implementation of the child’s IFSP, IIP, or IEP including annual evaluation and periodic reviews;
- C. The ongoing provision of early intervention services to the child; and
- D. Any other rights established under the regulations implementing Part C, 34 CFR 303.406 (e) Part C.