

OBSERVATIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In response to the January 8, 2009 legislative amendment to G.L. c. 71B, Wareham Public Schools will, upon request by a parent, grant timely and sufficient access by parents and parent-designated independent evaluators and educational consultants (both of whom are referred to in this policy as "designees") to a child's current and proposed special education program so that the parent and named designees can observe the child in the current program and any proposed program. This policy limits the restrictions or conditions that Wareham Public Schools may impose on these observations, assuring that parents can participate fully and effectively in determining the child's appropriate educational program. Restrictions and conditions on access will only occur when necessary to protect:

- The safety of the children in the program during the observation
- The integrity of the program during the observation
- Children in the program from disclosure by an observer of confidential or personally identifiable information he or she may obtain while observing the program

Procedure for compliance with this policy will be maintained & recorded within the Special Education Procedural Manual.

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