

**INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION UPON ENTRY TO SCHOOL
Chapter 434 of the Laws of 2014**

Statute: Section 4402

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Summary:

This amendment requires school districts to notify every parent or person in parental relation of their rights regarding the referral and evaluation of their child for the purposes of special education services or programs. This notification shall be provided to the parents of all students in the district (with and without disabilities) upon their child's entry into public school. Districts may provide this information to parents by directing them to *A Parent's Guide to Special Education* on the New York State Education Department's (NYSED's) web site, provided that the district includes the name and contact information of the district's Committee on Special Education chairperson or other appropriate special education administrator. NYSED's *A Parent's Guide to Special Education* is available in both English and Spanish.

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Section 1. Section 4402 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. Upon their child's enrollment or attendance in a public school, such school shall notify every parent or person in parental relation of their rights regarding referral and evaluation of their child for the purposes of special education services or programs pursuant to applicable federal and state laws. Such notification may be provided by directing parents or persons in parental relation to obtain information located on the department's website relating to a parent's guide to special education in New York state for children ages three through twenty-one provided the notification shall also contain the name and contact information for the chairperson of the school district's committee on special education or other individual who is charged with processing referrals to the committee in the district.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.