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## Surrogate Parent

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The rights of a student are protected by the appointment of a surrogate parent in the following circumstances:

- When the student requires or may require special education **and**
- When the parent cannot be identified after our District has made reasonable efforts to discover their whereabouts **or**
- When the student is under the guardianship of the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families **or**
- When the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families is the student's statutory parent, **or**
- When the student is an unaccompanied homeless youth as defined by the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The surrogate parent has legal rights afforded to parents or guardians with respect to special education and related services. The surrogate parent represents the student in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement and the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. In the above instances, notice to our District is issued from the Department of Children and Families if they have been involved in the student's placement. The District will request from the State Department of Education the assignment of a surrogate parent.