

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District must appoint one or more Committees on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). The CPSE is comprised of the following members:

- The parent of the child.
- A representative of the school district qualified to provide or supervise special education and who is knowledgeable about the availability of resources in the district.
- An additional parent member of a student with a disability. The parent member is not required if the parents of the child request that the additional parent member not participate in the meeting.
- A professional who participated in the evaluation of the child and who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results.
- A representative of the municipality of the preschool child's residence.
- Other persons or agencies having knowledge or special expertise to facilitate in transition from Early Intervention to the CPSE.

The Board of Education must provide the parents of a preschool child suspected of having a disability with a list of programs which have been approved by the State Education Department to conduct evaluations. The list of preschool programs must be made available for dissemination at local sites including pre-kindergarten, day care and head start programs, and Early Childhood Direction Centers (ECDC).

Upon consent of the parent, the CPSE must arrange for the program provider which the parent has selected to conduct an evaluation. That evaluation will then be reviewed by the CPSE.

After receiving the recommendations from the CPSE, the CPSE must make a recommendation to the Board of Education. If the child is determined to be eligible the CPSE may recommend for the board's approval of any program on the list approved by the State Education Department which is appropriate for the child. The CSE has 30 days to make BOARD recommendations and implement the appropriate support services. If the child is receiving regular education services in a program approved or licensed by an appropriate governmental agency and the child requires an itinerant related service, the CPSE may recommend such an itinerant related service from a list

of providers maintained by the municipality. In its recommendation to the Board, the Committee must identify the location at which the itinerant service will be provided.

The Board must notify the parent, appropriate municipality, the designated program, and the Commissioner of its determination in accordance with Section 4410 of the Education Law.