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In New Jersey, every child with a disability is entitled to a free and appropriate public education - by law. This means that school districts must offer special needs children access to a full range of educational settings. These range from regular public school classrooms that offer some support services, residential schools that provide for full-time education and monitoring of a child with special needs. No matter what disability your child has, our special needs education law attorneys at **Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler** can help.

Parents of special needs children should be fully informed of their child's rights and responsibilities. It's so important for parents to be able to take part in developing appropriate strategies for educational planning. Federal and New Jersey law provide for specific rights and procedural protections for children with disabilities and their families.



Rights & Protections For Disabilities Including:

- Autism spectrum disorders and Asperger's syndrome
- Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Allergies
- Auditory processing disorder
- Behavioral disorders
- Cognitive impairment
- Developmental delays
- Diabetes
- Emotional disturbance
- Hearing impairment
- Orthopedic impairment
- Sensory integration dysfunction
- Specific learning disabilities
- Speech and language impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairment
- And many others...

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SPECIAL EDUCATION FAQ

WHAT IS SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Special education is designed to address distinct problems in teaching and learning. It empowers students to overcome or compensate for disabilities that hinder learning, through individualized, intensive, and purposeful instruction that may include:

Preventive Intervention – Averting potential or minor learning deficiencies

Remedial Intervention – Instruction aimed at eliminating the effect of a disability on learning

Compensatory Intervention – Using various methods to compensate for a disability

WHICH STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION?

In New Jersey, children aged 3 to 21 who need special education and related services due to a disability are eligible. Special education supports those who are:

Autistic

Cognitively impaired

Auditorily impaired

Communication impaired

Visually impaired

Emotional Regulation Impaired

Orthopedically impaired

Preschool children with disabilities

It also supports children with:

Traumatic brain injury

Other health impairments

Specific learning disabilities

Multiple disabilities

Social maladjustment

WHAT IS DUE PROCESS?

Due process is a legal principle outlined in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution: “[No person shall] be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.” In reference to special education, the deprivation of liberty takes one of two forms: A parent may disagree with the school’s procedures or decisions regarding a child’s identification, evaluation, program or educational placement, or a school may disagree with a parent’s refusal to grant consent for a child’s evaluation or classification. If such disagreement occurs, either the parent(s) or school may then proceed through several dispute resolution steps ranging from mediation to lawsuit in the Superior Court of New Jersey or the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.



THE **SGW** APPROACH

Collaborative Methodology

We use a team approach to handle issues regarding your family member with special needs. This allows you greater access to attorneys when you encounter difficulties in dealing with your school district, or as emergencies arise.

Real-Life Experience in Special Education

Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler attorneys are all degreed and licensed professionals, all of whom advance their work in the special education arena. We have actual life experience working in schools, teaching, assessing, developing, counseling, and implementing programs for children.

Whole-Child Perspective

Our success is directly related to the hands-on, whole-child approach we take in the detailed matter of your case. Our goal is to work with you to determine the services to which your child is entitled – and to get them as expeditiously as possible.

We're Here to HELP

For more than 40 years, **Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler** has helped parents of special needs children manage issues from behavioral disorders to diabetes. If you need assistance, contact us today to discuss your child's special education needs.

We would be happy to answer your questions over the phone at **(609) 409-3500** or see you for an initial consultation in the comfort of our office.



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