



## Say “NO” to Procedures Lite

Massachusetts Advocates for Children would like to advise you of our serious concerns regarding a pilot program implemented in at least three Massachusetts school districts called “Procedures Lite.”

“Procedures Lite” asks parents of children eligible for special education to waive, for one year, safeguards set forth by both state and federal law. By signing this agreement, you may waive many important protections, including the right to:

- ❖ An Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- ❖ Convene IEP Team meetings
- ❖ Have scheduled evaluations performed for your child
- ❖ Receive progress reports
- ❖ “Stay-put” protection for your child in their current placement
- ❖ Transition assessments and services
- ❖ Special education program and services based on your child’s unique needs

Federal and Massachusetts legislators created protections for good reason – to help your child succeed in school, and to help you and the school engage in ongoing communication to ensure that your child receives a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) and services and supports (s)he needs to be successful.

## Take Action against Procedures Lite:

- 1) **DO NOT SIGN** a “Procedures Lite” agreement even if the school district encourages you to do so.
- 2) **Invoke your right to unilaterally terminate the agreement if you have already signed one** → The agreement states that you have the right to revoke your consent and that the school district is required to honor your request.
- 3) **Understand the consequences of “Procedures Lite”** → There is no benefit to you or your child achieved by waiving all rights at once.
- 4) **Contact Massachusetts Advocates for Children if you have any questions about “Procedures Lite.”**

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