

POLICY	2004	8551
	<b>Instruction</b>	

**Subject: Surrogate Parents**

In the event that no parent for a student with disabilities can be identified or after reasonable efforts, the whereabouts of the parent cannot be determined, or the student with disabilities is a ward of the State, the Board shall assign an individual to act as a surrogate for the parents. The person selected as a surrogate shall have no interest that conflicts with the interest of the child he/she represents, and shall have knowledge and skills that insure adequate representation of the child.

It is the duty of the school district to determine whether a child needs a surrogate parent and to assign a surrogate parent in the manner permitted under New York State Law.

Education Law Section 4401

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