

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**Special Education Rights and Responsibilities**

One of the more confusing aspects of special education laws and regulations is the delineation of rights and responsibilities. To help you understand these, the chart below has been prepared.

Clearly, a student is always best served when parents and school work collaboratively.

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY OF:</b>		
	<b>School</b>	<b>PET</b>	<b>Parent</b>
Request an evaluation	X		
Consent to initial evaluation			X
Withdraw consent for evaluation			X
Determine evaluation instruments and schedule	X		
Consent to initial placement			X
Consent to release of information			X
Provide PET documentation	X		
Determine needs and appropriate program		X	
Determine instructional methodology	X		
Select and hire staff	X		
Provide transportation	X		
Assign student to classroom	X		
Assign student to school	X		
Assign staff to student	X		
Determine least restrictive environment		X	
Develop the IEP		X	
Discontinue services		X	
Request mediation or due process	X		X