

\_\_\_\_\_ County School District  
Exceptional Student Education (ESE)  
**Transfer of Rights at Age of Majority**  
**Description of Rights (Age 17)**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida law provides for the transfer to rights when an individual reaches the age of majority at age 18. An exception to this transfer can occur only if, in response to a petition, a court determines that the individual is incapacitated and a guardian is appointed. This is especially important for students with disabilities who receive exceptional student education (ESE) services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Under IDEA, all rights accorded to the parent(s)/guardian(s) with regard to a student's ESE services transfer to the student on his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Beginning no later than one year before the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, **the student must be informed of the rights that will transfer.**

Parents' and students' rights under IDEA are often called procedural safeguards, and are described in the ***Notice of Procedural Safeguards for Parents of Students with Disabilities*** that is attached.

You will turn 18 within the next year. At that time, your parent(s)/guardian(s)' rights under IDEA will transfer to you. Some examples of the rights that will transfer include:

- The right to give or revoke consent for an evaluation or reevaluation
- The right to give or revoke consent for services
- The right to give or revoke consent to invite certain agency representatives to IEP team meetings
- The right to participate in mediation, file a state complaint, or request a due process hearing
- The right to receive written notice before any changes can be made to your educational program

Your signature below indicates that the rights and protections under IDEA that will transfer were explained to you by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Name*

*Title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*