

SECTION VII

Public and Parent Participation

A. ASSURANCE: Parent Participation

The *Grant Parish School System* assures that in meeting the full education opportunity goal, the school system shall make provisions for participation of and consultation with parents or guardians of disabled children in the planning for and operation of programs. Section B, which follows describes the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in the public participation process of the LEA Application development. [34 CFR 300.226; 34 CFR 76(c)(6)]

In addition, parents of children with disabilities serve as members of *Grant Parish's Pupil Progression Plan Committee*.

B. ASSURANCE: Public Availability

The *Grant Parish School System* assures that any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made available to parents and other members of the general public. [34 CFR 76.301(c)(6)]

C. Procedures for Public Availability

Prior to adoption of a Local Educational Agency application, the *Grant Parish School Board* shall:

--Make the application available to the general public.

--Hold public hearings.

--Provide an opportunity for comment by the

general public on the application.

--Conduct public participation activities in accordance with Bulletin 1706 regulations.

D. Activities Conducted In Making the Application Available to the Public

The Supervisor of Special Education shall provide copies of the draft of the Parish Plan to the Parish School Board in accordance with established timelines before the application is submitted to the State Educational Agency for approval. The Board will make a public announcement in the newspaper to make the public aware of the pending program and to invite interested parties to attend the public hearing. Other news media will be used to publicize the Parish Plan. Copies of the Parish Plan will be made available for public review at the School Board Office. The public will be encouraged to become familiar with the plan before the public hearing.

The Supervisor of Special Education will utilize news media, posters, brochures, letters to parents, contacts through civic, professional, and other organizations to inform the public as to the dates and location of the public hearing. The public will have thirty (30) days notice prior to presentation to the State Educational Agency.

Public hearings will be recorded. Compromises will be made when feasible or possible.

The annual application will be made available to the public after it has been approved by the State Educational Agency.

