

Definition of PARENT

For enrollment in our district, sped evaluations, placements and IEPs the definition of PARENT is defined by WI state statute (which is compliant with federal regulations).

In essence, a **PARENT is an adult who is responsible for a child.**

This may be defined by a legal arrangement, but it may not be - see (4).



ENROLLMENT FORM

Family 1: is/are the legal/responsible adult(s) *living with* a child at the child’s address. For each adult, there is a question as to whether the person can make legal decisions for the child.

Family 2: legal/responsible adults of the child *living at another address*. For each adult, there is a question as to whether the person can make legal decisions for the child.



§ 300.30 Parent.

(a) *Parent* means—

- (1) A biological or adoptive parent of a child;
- (2) A foster parent, unless State law, regulations, or contractual obligations with a State or local entity prohibit a foster parent from acting as a parent;
- (3) A guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent, or authorized to make educational decisions for the child (but not the State if the child is a ward of the State);
- (4) An individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent (including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative) with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare; or
- (5) A surrogate parent who has been appointed in accordance with § 300.519 or section 639(a)(5) of the Act.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the biological or adoptive parent, when attempting to act as the parent under this part and when more than one party is qualified under paragraph (a) of this section to act as a parent, must be presumed to be the parent for purposes of this section unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child. (2) If a judicial decree or order identifies a specific person or persons under paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section to act as the “parent” of a child or to make educational decisions on behalf of a child, then such person or persons shall be determined to be the “parent” for purposes of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(23))

