

Policies -- Conditions for Allowing Tape Recording in an IEP

If you agree that tape recording would be allowed for a special education child (which you must do in an appropriate situation), the following conditions would have to be set forth in the IEP:

1. May only use to tape teacher directions or instructions; may not dictate into it; the teacher decides when to turn it on and off after the student enters the room and presents it to the teacher.
2. May not tape any other person in classroom.
3. May be used only for getting down assignments and making notes for studying, by the student only.
4. May not be used by the parent, or the administration of the district, or by any other person, for any other purpose than 3. above.
5. Recorder and all tapes will be furnished by the District and will remain the property of the District. No tapes other than District furnished tapes will be used. Upon request, tapes will be promptly returned to the District.

Tape recording would only be allowed if educationally appropriate. If it is educationally appropriate, a Hearing Officer would most probably allow it, without necessarily imposing the above controls. It is therefore preferable to make an agreement on this if it is educationally needed. The above agreements are those that have been agreed to in the past with PSEA's lawyers.