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STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES
Burdens of Proof in Administrative Proceedings
Dress Codes
Internet Access
Hot Topics in Special Education

A Conference for Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Principals and Department Chairpersons in Middle Schools and High Schools

Wednesday, October 6, 2004
8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center
North Campus

DIRECTIONS: Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4 – Hempstead Turnpike. Proceed west on Hempstead Turnpike to the third traffic light; turn right onto the North Campus (just before the second pedestrian bridge that crosses Hempstead Turnpike). The Student Center is on your left, parking is just beyond the Student Center.
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PRESENTERS:

CAROL M. HOFFMAN, Esq., is a partner in the Garden City law firm of Jaspian, Schlesinger, Hoffman LLP, which serves as general and/or labor counsel to several public school districts and libraries, including Ardsley, Bethpage, Carle Place, East Meadow, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Herricks, North Bellmore, Roosevelt, Uniondale and Westbury schools, Hicksville Library, Island Park Library, Jericho Library, Lakeview Library, Manhasset Library and Wantagh Library. Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Hoffman began her legal career in Albany, New York, in the Office of Counsel to the Commissioner of Education and subsequently in the Governor’s Office of Employee Relations. She worked closely with the Office of Education for Handicapped Children and other SED bureaus regarding appeals to the Commissioner of Education and litigation in the Family Court, Supreme Court, Appellate Division and Federal Court. Since 1981, Ms. Hoffman has represented municipalities on Long Island. She is past president of the New York State School Attorneys Association, former chair of the Nassau County Bar Association’s Education Law Committee, and a member of the Nassau County and New York Bar Associations. Ms. Hoffman lectures frequently on topics of interest to educators and school attorneys.

CAROL A. MELNICK, Esq., is a partner in the Garden City law firm of Jaspian, Schlesinger, Hoffman LLP. Ms. Melnick has served in the capacity of general counsel to several school districts, and has broad experience in handling special education hearings, 504 accommodation plans, the development and revision of IEPs and disciplinary hearings, and has major responsibility for school board policy development and revision. Ms. Melnick is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association’s Education Law Committee, and is a frequent lecturer/trainer on educational law, special education matters and sexual harassment issues. Ms. Melnick is a frequent guest speaker for the New York School Boards Association and conducts various in-service training workshops for school districts and private educational facilities.

8:30 – 9 a.m.
REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Plaza Rooms, Student Center

9 a.m. – noon
CAROL M. HOFFMAN, Esq.
and
CAROL A. MELNICK, Esq.

CASE LAW:

2. An Overview of Student Disciplinary Procedures: From Suspension Through Appeals
3. Beyond Academics: The Expanding Role of School Districts (i.e., Dress Code, Internet Access)
4. Hot Topics in Special Education: Autism, Assessment, Reading Programs, Creating Defensible IEPs

A LEGAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WILL FOLLOW.

Noon – 1 p.m.
LUNCHEON AND NETWORKING