

# El Monte Union High School District

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## Notice of Age of Majority

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Dear Student:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (IDEA) requires that you be notified on your seventeenth birthday that next year, when you turn eighteen, you will reach the age of majority in California and will be considered a legal adult.

Being an adult presents new privileges and responsibilities. In regard to your education, you will be responsible for all rights provided to you by the federal and state laws. As a special education student, you have the right and responsibility to attend Individual Education Program (IEP) team meetings and to approve your IEP. If you have not participated in the past in the IEP meetings, we urge you to do so now. Also you will be asked to approve assessment plans, approve testing and to decide on the need for special education services. Invitations to meetings and school papers will be sent to you for your signature. Finally, you may use the due process procedures to question the educational program that is being offered to you by the school district. A copy of your due process rights and responsibilities under the IDEA is included with this notice.

You may appoint another person, such as a parent(s), to help you with educational decisions, related to school programs and records. This appointment must be done in writing, have a completed power of attorney and be signed by a Notary Public. For help with this process you may contact your local Legal Aid Foundation. All records related to this appointment must be given to your school to be kept in your school file.

The issues related to your age of majority should be discussed with your parents or care providers so that you can make informed decisions about your educational program when you reach the age of eighteen. If you would like further explanation of your rights, please contact the Director of Special Education at the district at (626) 444-9005.

Respectfully,

Leonard Martinez  
Special Education Director

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