MSD: Language Access for Privacy Notices, Consent, and Parent Communication

Privacy notices, consent requests, survey notices, parent-contact forms, and other communications required under this policy shall be provided in a manner that allows parents and eligible students to understand and respond meaningfully. When the student or parent/guardian requires language assistance, the school shall coordinate interpretation or translation under the District Language Access Plan for critical communications, including enrollment or registration materials, requests for parent permission, nondiscrimination or grievance notices, discipline or safety communications, progress reports, IEP-related communications, and other student-specific health, safety, legal, or placement information.

Schools shall maintain a current record of each parent or guardian's primary language and may provide oral interpretation when oral communication is the most effective way to ensure timely parent understanding. A parent or guardian may opt out of language access services by notifying the school.

Source: MSD Policy 6020, Language Access Plan, approved 2024.