

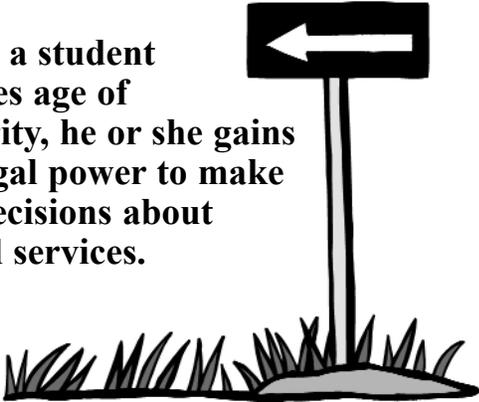
What is “age of majority” and what happens at that age?

The age of majority
in Connecticut is 18 .

Basically, when a student reaches age of majority, the rights of the parent legally transfer to the student. The following activities would shift from the parent to the student:

- Notice of meetings (including IEP meetings)
- Notice and consent for evaluation
- Right to invite additional participants to IEP meetings
- Notice and consent for special education and regular services

When a student reaches age of majority, he or she gains the legal power to make key decisions about school services.



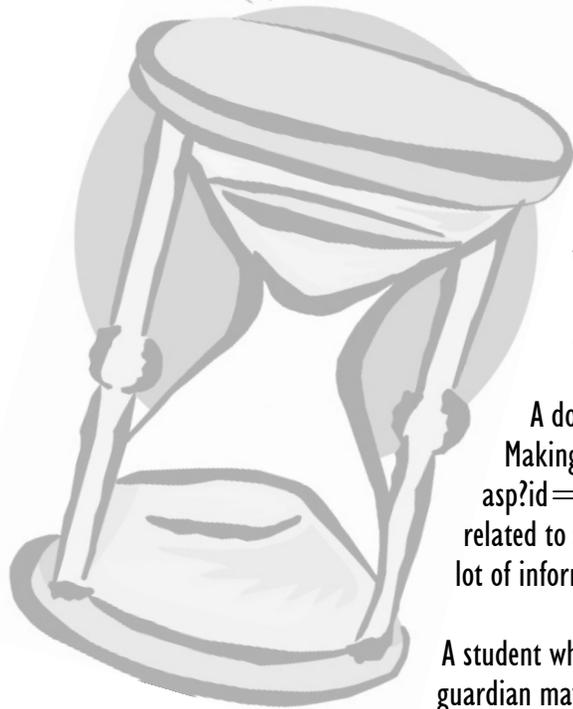
Rights at the age of majority



Transition Planning

can help you
with the answers...

As parents, you will be notified a year prior to the student reaching age of majority. At that time, you will be informed of the rights that will transfer to your child.



And now, the decision-making begins...

If you do not think your child will be able to make decisions regarding various aspects of life (e.g., education, money management, health care, etc.), then you should consider a whole range of options for supporting your child in these decisions. These options include guardianship, conservator, and power of attorney as well as others.

A document entitled “Age of Majority: Preparing Your Child for Making Good Choices” (found at www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=318) can help you and your child learn more about issues related to age of majority. In addition, www.guardianship.org provides a lot of information about the alternatives to guardianship.

A student who has reached age of majority or older and is his or her own guardian may still need help to make important decisions. The schools, parents and others may offer the student support, yet final decisions need to be made by the student.

For more information about guardianship and its alternatives, please contact:

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A Family Attorney
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Your town's probate court

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**Reaching the age of majority brings new issues for families.
Some of the resources available for families include:**



- Age of Majority: Preparing Your Child for Making Good Choices
<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=318>
- National Guardianship Association
www.guardianship.org