

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

COMPLAINT NUMBER:	CP-265-2008
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATOR:	Bobbie Ritz
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	September 24, 2007
DATE OF REPORT:	October 23, 2007
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:	No
DATE OF CLOSURE:	December 5, 2007

COMPLAINT ISSUES:

Whether the Warrick County School Corporation and the Gibson-Pike-Warrick Special Education Cooperative violated:

511 IAC 7-18-2(a) by failing to provide a free and appropriate public education, specifically with respect to the certification of educational interpreters in accordance with 511 IAC 7-17-61 (Qualified professional) and 460 IAC 2-5-6 (Certificate requirements for practicing interpreters and transliterators).

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Complainant alleges a School employee is "providing interpreting services as a teacher's aide at [the School] for her cousin who is a student at the school."
2. The School provided documentation that the School's employee in question is employed as a full-time Program Assistant in a life skills program serving students with moderate disabilities and not as an educational interpreter for any students at the School.
3. The School provided documentation that an educational interpreter is employed full-time to provide interpreting services for the Student. Verification of the educational interpreter's credentials determined the certification expiration date is April 13, 2008.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Finding of Fact #3 indicates that the Student's educational interpreter is appropriately licensed or certified per 460 IAC 2-5-6. Therefore, a violation of 511 IAC 7-18-2(a) is not found.

The Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners requires no corrective action based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions listed above.