

Parents can accompany students with disabilities or special educational needs to class, according to a circular sent by the Ministry of Education to all schools

Parents or other persons can accompany students to classes, if they have special educational needs and/or disabilities, according to circular no. 10.108 of January 15, 2020, sent by the Ministry of Education and Research to all schools, consulted by Edupedu.ro. The carer is called "shadow" in specialized literature, according to the official act that requires educational institutions to organize their activity and develop procedures that provide this right of students' to have a carer with them throughout the school courses.

Here is what this circular states:

"In accordance with Art. 63 of joint order no. 1985/1305/5805/2016, initiated by the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Research, on the approval of the methodology for the assessment and integrated intervention in order to classify children with disabilities as disabled, the school and professional orientation of children with special educational needs, as well as the purpose of enabling and rehabilitating children with disabilities and/or special educational needs, children with special educational needs and classified as severely handicapped with an accompanying person can benefit from the support measures for promoting inclusive education, formulated by the case manager/case responsible and from psycho educational services in consultation with the local authority to which the educational unit belongs, (Public Social Assistance Services), the educational unit, the County School Inspectorate and non-governmental organizations, one of

these measures being the presence of the facilitator, called “shadow”, in specialized literature, with the child, in the educational unit.

The facilitator can be one of the parents, the personal assistant or carer, for children with severe disabilities, a person named by the parents and with whom the child has developed a close relationship, a specialist recommended by the parents or the legal representative, a specialist appointed by parents from organizations, universities, other institutions, with whom the educational unit has concluded agreements, as well as other persons provided for in art. 64 para. 2 of the order mentioned above, and his appointment is made following the inclusion in the habilitation-rehabilitation plan, respectively the plan of psycho educational services, according to art. 64 para. 4.

The facilitator's duties can be found in art. 64 para. 5, para. 7 and para. 8. A facilitator is able to care for several children with disabilities and/or SEN in the same class.

In accordance with the provisions of art. 64 para. 1 and with the Recommendation of the Ombudsman number 8 of 2018, educational units that educate preschoolers/students with disabilities and/or SEN include, in the regulation of organization and operation, procedures regarding the approval of the presence of the facilitator in the educational unit, as well as the way of organizing his activity.”

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