

DEFINITIONS

<u>**Cultural Mediator:**</u> An individual who helps "translate between the culture of the school environment and the child's family in order to enhance understanding, share information and create a relationship that supports families as full participants in the assessment process and delivering education services.

Interpreter: A person who orally interpret a spoken message from one language to another. The interpreter's duty is to facilitate communication and understanding between persons who are unable to communicate directly because of a language difference. Oral interpreters must be good speakers in both English and the target language, as well as, being sensitive to the cultural practices of both parties.

Translator: A person who provides a written message or document into its equivalent in another language. Translators must possess good writing skills in both English and the target language.