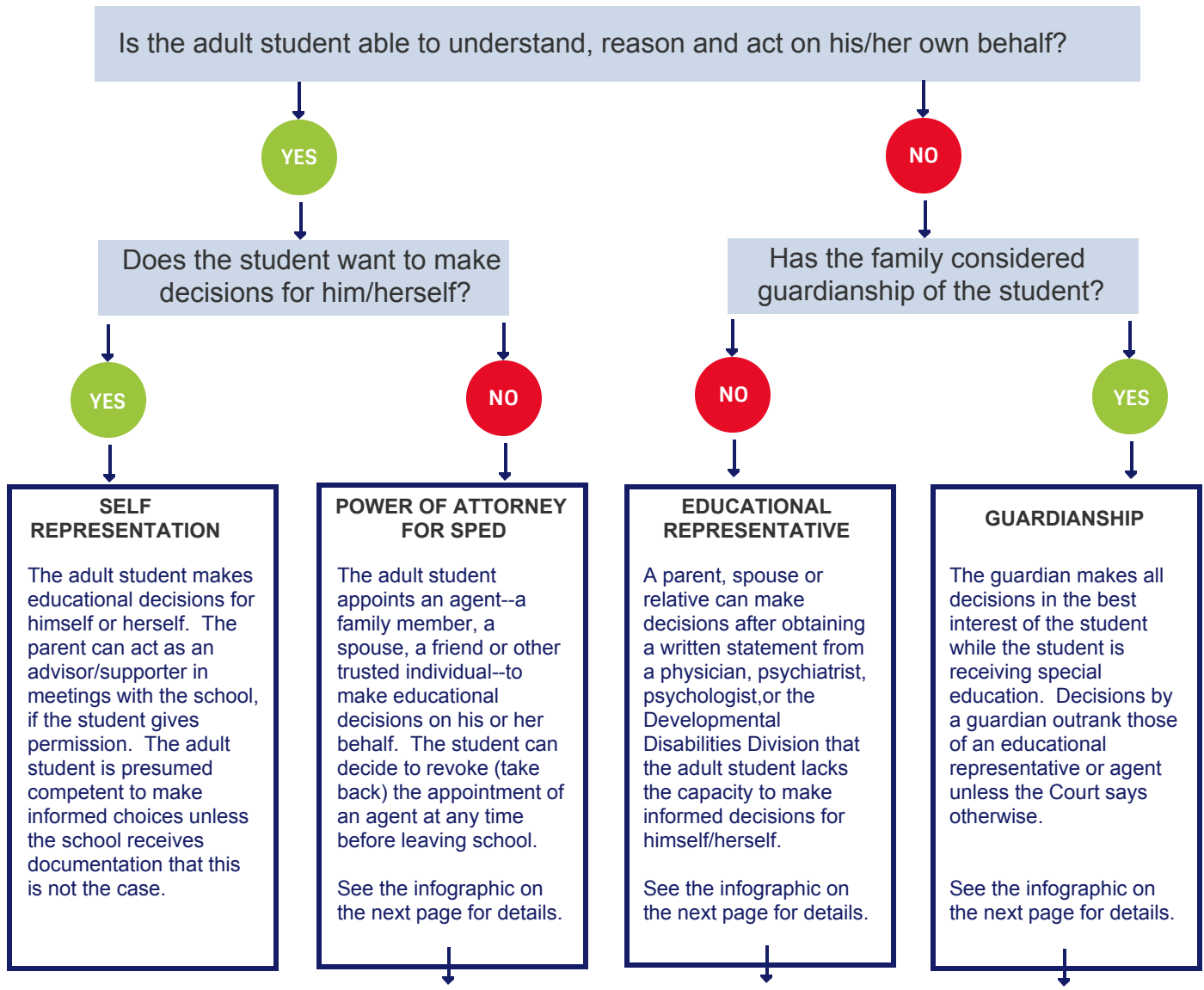




Transfer of Parental Rights at Age 18: An Informal Process for Determining if Representation May Be Needed for the Adult Student with a Disability

Parental rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) transfer from the parent(s) to the adult student on the day the student turns 18 years of age. Parents are notified one year in advance of their child's 18th birthday that this transfer of rights means the student will have access to his or her education records, make his or her own education decisions, and have the authority to give or withhold consent for evaluations, services and placements. The discussion tool developed by SPIN below helps the student and family identify options for ensuring that the adult student is adequately represented and protected under IDEA until exiting special education.

A Process for Discussing Transfer of Rights Options



Documentation is provided to the school, and the school acknowledges the rights of the agent/guardian/educational representative to legally make decisions.

