

Akron Public Schools
OFFICE OF CAREER EDUCATION

BULLETIN #1 : *Lawsuits – Protecting You and Your Program*

The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled unconstitutional the legal protection once enjoyed by government and public schools. Schools and their instructors find themselves defending their actions in court since the doctrine of 'sovereign immunity' was struck down.

We in Career Education may be particularly open to the lawsuits of students or parents. In order to protect ourselves from capricious lawsuits, we need to make sure our programs and procedures meet state and federal requirements and guidelines. This simply means that we **MUST** be certain that **all forms, agreements, training plans, etc. outlined in all of the specific bulletins are completed in a timely manner**, signed and kept on file for a period of five years for each student.