

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The School Board is responsible to ensure that all children within the District receive a free appropriate public education. Given this responsibility, the District shall provide a comprehensive, flexible range of service options that will provide appropriate educational services to all children with disabilities from the age of three until the end of the school term in which they become 21.

Children with disabilities shall be identified and provided educational services in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations. Services for these children shall be provided through District-operated programs and cooperative agreements and tuition arrangements made with other districts.

The Board shall establish an individualized education program (IEP) team and appoint at least one individual to serve as the local educational agency (LEA) representative. The IEP process serves as the basis for specifying the child's educational program and services and as the vehicle for making student assessment decisions. Children with disabilities shall participate in state-required testing, with or without modifications, or alternative assessments as outlined in the child's IEP.

Within the parameters of state and federal laws governing the operation of programs for children with disabilities, there are due process safeguards for parent rights and appeal. Such provisions shall be adhered to by the District.

A special education handbook shall be developed for use in the District that outlines specific policies and procedures relating to children with disabilities.

The District Administrator or designee shall complete all special education reports and District plans as required by the Department of Public Instruction.

The School District shall not discriminate on the basis of any protected category under Wisconsin or Federal Statute.

LEGAL REF: WI. ST. Chapter 115, Subchapter V
Sections 118.13, 118.30
PI 11, Wisconsin Administrative Code
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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