

POLICY: 602.9

SPECIAL EDUCATION

A free appropriate public education program and related services will be provided to students identified in need of special education. The special education services will be provided from birth until the appropriate education is completed, age twenty-one or to maximum age allowable in accordance with the law. Students requiring special education will attend general classes, participate in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities and receive services in a general education setting to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of each individual student. The appropriate education for each student is written in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP).

Special education students are required to meet the requirements stated in board policy or in their IEPs for graduation. It is the responsibility of the Director of Special Needs and the Area Education Agency Director of Special Education to provide or make provisions for appropriate special education and related services.

Children from birth through age 2 and children age 3 through age 5 are provided comprehensive special education services within the public education system. The school district will work in conjunction with the area education agency to provide services, at the earliest appropriate time, to children with disabilities from birth through age 2. This is done to ensure a smooth transition of children entitled to early childhood special education services.

The District may contract with other Districts, Area Education Agencies, or other public or private agencies for the purpose of providing an appropriate education and related services for disabled students. Facilities that house programs for disabled students shall meet state and federal standards and appropriately meet student needs.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Iowa, Chapter 281
Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 670-12
Special Education Procedures Manual; Arrowhead Area
Education Agency (Special Education Division) and as revised.
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-142) and regulations
thereunder.
Section 504 of the Vocation Rehabilitation Act and regulations thereunder.

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