

## **Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students**

The district recognizes that students whose disabilities adversely impact educational performance and who require specially designed instruction can improve their educational performance when they receive special education and related services tailored to fit their needs. The district adopts the state's full educational opportunity goal to provide students in need of special education services with a free appropriate public education.

Special education programs for students eligible for special education shall be an integral part of the general educational programs of this district, and shall be operated in compliance with federal and state requirements governing special education. The district will provide a continuum of placement options which may include services within and outside the district depending on the student's needs.

Not all students with disabilities are eligible for special education services. The needs of those students will be addressed individually and if appropriate, the student will be provided accommodations or modifications required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in accordance with district policy and procedures.

### **Mediation or Resolution Agreements**

The board authorizes the superintendent or a designee to bind the district to a mediation or resolution agreement.

### **Commencement Exercises/Certificate of Attendance**

In order to participate in commencement exercises, students must have met the minimum criteria for graduation prior to the date of the exercise and otherwise be in good standing with their school through the commencement date. Minimum criteria for participation may be adjusted for students with an IEP whose disabilities have impacted their opportunity to accumulate credits. Each student's IEP team will determine the student's graduation plan, including graduation date. IEP students who have attended four years of high school and need additional time to complete IEP goals and/or credits may request participation in commencement exercises. IEP students will receive a certificate of attendance until they complete their credits for graduation.

The district superintendent shall develop and maintain special education procedures necessary to implement this policy. This policy and the procedures shall be available to the public.

### **Cross-References:**

- Policy 2162, Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504
- Policy 2163, Response to Intervention
- Policy 2410, High School Graduation Requirements
- Policy 3231, Student Records
- Policy 3241, Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
- Policy 3246, Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
- Policy 4217, Effective Communication

Legal References:

RCW 28A.155, Special Education  
RCW 28A.600.485, Restraint of students with individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973 – Procedures - Definitions  
RCW 28A.600.486, District policy on use of isolation or restraint – Notice to parents and guardians of children who have individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973  
RCW 28A.605.020, Parents’ Access to Classroom or School Sponsored Activities - Limitation  
RCW 49.60, Discrimination, Human rights commission  
WAC 392-172A, Rules for the Provision of Special Education  
29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. 93-516, 29 U.S.C. 794  
20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004  
42 U.S.C. 12131-12133, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
28 CFR Part 35, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services  
34 CFR Part 99, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)  
34 CFR Part 104, Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance  
34 CFR Part 300, Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities and Preschool Grants for Children With Disabilities  
34 CFR Part 303, Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

Management Resources:

*Policy News, March 2016*  
*Policy News, June 2014*  
*Policy News, October 2009*  
*Policy News, December 2007, Updated Special Education Policy and Procedure*  
*Policy News, June 2007, Graduation Ceremonies for Special Education Students*  
*Policy News, December 1999, Rule Adoption Leads to Special Education Policy*

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