

# PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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The School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide a free appropriate public education for all students in the District and directs the District Administrator to provide appropriate programs and services that meet the needs of students with disabilities. The District may contract with (identify the appropriate agencies or institutions – e.g., the Cooperative Educational Service Agency, other public school districts, private schools) to provide special education programs and/or services for individual students with disabilities whenever it finds such an option appropriate to the needs of the student and cost-efficient for the District.

Specific educational programs and services for students with disabilities shall be determined by the student's individualized education program (IEP) team and be based on an assessment of the student's individual needs. Students with disabilities shall participate in academic assessments required by law and the District, with or without accommodations, or in alternate assessments as outlined in the student's IEP.

A special education manual shall be established for use in the District that outlines specific policies and procedures relating to students with disabilities, including due process safeguards for parental rights and appeal. Such manual shall meet legal requirements and shall be adopted by the Board at least annually. Any proposed amendments to the District's special education policies and procedures shall also be presented to the Board for approval.

The District Administrator or designee shall complete all special education report forms, audit materials and District plans as may be required by any state or federal agency.

## Legal References:

### Wisconsin Statutes

Chapter 115, Subchapter V [educational programs and services for children with disabilities]

Section 118.13 [student nondiscrimination]

Section 118.30(2)(b)1 [state student assessments; children with disabilities]

Section 121.54(3) [student transportation; children with disabilities]

### Wisconsin Administrative Code

PI 11 [educational programs and services for children with disabilities]

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## FEDERAL LAWS

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [programs and services for students with disabilities]

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [disability discrimination; reasonable accommodations]

Americans with Disabilities Act [disability discrimination; reasonable accommodations]

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