

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

A continuous appraisal shall be made in an attempt to determine the number of children who would benefit from special education. The MSD of Wayne Township shall provide special education as mandated by state and federal statute that are warranted by the needs of the school population. The District is committed to collaborating with parents of students with disabilities to ensure they are educated consistent with applicable federal and state law.

Least Restrictive Environment

The District shall ensure to the maximum extent appropriate that students with disabilities are educated with nondisabled students and that students are removed from the general education environment only when the nature and severity of the disability is such that education in general education classes using supplementary aids and services cannot be satisfactorily achieved. The District shall ensure that a continuum of services is provided in order to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities, including supplementary services to be provided in conjunction with general education placement. In selecting the least restrictive environment, consideration shall be given to any potential harmful effect on the student or quality of services needed.

The student's case conference committee shall determine the placement in which a student will receive services, to be delivered in the least restrictive environment regardless of the identified disability.

The District shall take reasonable measures to see that students with disabilities are in classes and buildings with their chronological peers unless an alternative is determined appropriate by the student's case conference committee, as documented in the appropriate written notice. Students with disabilities shall not be removed from education in age-appropriate general education classes solely because of needed modifications in the general curriculum.

In addition, the District shall take reasonable measures to see that a student with a disability has an equal opportunity to participate with nondisabled students in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities to the maximum extent possible.

Special Education Transition Services

The District shall take reasonable measures to see that children participating in early intervention programs under Part C of the of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) experience a smooth and effective transition to early childhood special education under Part B of IDEA.

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Discipline for special education students is subject to the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1415 *et seq.* and 511 I.A.C. 7-1-1 *et seq.*

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall promulgate procedures and guidelines to implement this Policy, including the provision of reasonable safeguards with respect to the provision of special education services.

511 I.A.C. 7-42-10

511 I.A.C. 7-43-2

20 U.S.C. 1400 et. seq.

20 U.S.C. 1415(d)

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