

Chapter 6: INSTRUCTION

Special and Alternative Programs

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Education of Children with Disabilities

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The District shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the District, as required by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") and implementing provisions of The School Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The term "children with disabilities," as used in this Policy, means children between the ages of 3 and 21 for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Illinois Rules and Regulations to Govern the Organization and Administration of Special Education, that special education services are needed.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in the Illinois State Board of Education's Rules and Regulations to Govern the Administration of Special Education. For those students who are not eligible for services under IDEA, but, because of disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need or are believed to need special instruction or related services, the District shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards. The safeguards shall cover students' identification, evaluation, and educational placement. This system shall include notice, an opportunity for the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

The District shall maintain membership in an association of school districts which shall assist the School District in fulfilling its obligations to the District's disabled students.

If necessary, students may also be placed in nonpublic special education programs or education facilities.

LEGAL REF.: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq.
105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq., 5/14-7.02, and 5/14-7.02a
23 Ill. Admin. Code § 226.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794.

CROSS REF.: 7.230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities