

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM – Series 600

602 Programs of Instruction

602.6 Special Education

The board recognizes some student have different educational needs than other students. The board shall provide a free appropriate public education program and related services 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 shall attend general education 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 shall be written in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Special education students shall be required to meet the requirements stated in board policy or in their IEPs for graduation. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent 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 5 shall be provided comprehensive special education services within the public education system. Special education services may continue through age 21 in accordance with Iowa Code 256B.8. The school district shall 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 shall be done to ensure a smooth transition of children entitled to early childhood special education services.

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Legal References: Board of Education v. Rowley, 458 U.S. 176 (1982).
Springdale School District #50 v. Grace, 693 F.2d 41 (8th Cir. 1982). Southeast Warren Comm. School District v. Dept. of Public Instruction, 285 N.W. 2d 173 (Iowa 1979).
20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et. seq. (1994).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 300 et seq. (1996).
Iowa Code §§ 256.11(7); 256B; 273.1, .2, .5, .9(2)-(3); 280.8 (1999). 281 I.A.C. 41.

Cross References: 502 Student Behavior & Discipline
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