Policy

BOARD OF EDUCATION HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board shall provide a free, appropriate public education to all eligible disabled persons ages three (3) through twenty-one (21) which complies with Federal and State laws and guidelines.

The District provides a continuum of special education services. The determination of the need and extent of services provided shall be subject to the Individual Educational Program (IEP) developed for the child.

The District adopts the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education Model Forms and Policies and Procedures Manual as the Board's official policy in all practices and procedures relating to the education of children with disabilities in the School District, in compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations. The Board further assures that all District employees shall comply with the procedures and responsibilities laid forth within this manual as updated periodically by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Such handbook shall be adopted annually by the Board.

The Board and Administration supports the requirements of State and Federal law that students with disabilities be educated, to the maximum extent appropriate, with children who are nondisabled. The Board further supports the State and Federal requirement that a continuum of alternative placements be available to meet the needs of students with disabilities eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The District identifies, locates and evaluates all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of the disability, who are in need of special education and related services. This includes children attending private schools, who are not yet three (3) years of age, highly mobile children such as migrant children and children and youth in transition, and children who are suspected of being a student with a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

Students with disabilities will take state required tests unless otherwise prescribed in their IEP. Test administration procedures may be modified as indicated in a student's IEP.

115.78 et seq., Wis. Stats. P.I. 11, Wis. Adm. Code IDEA, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.

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