

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

The district recognizes that students whose disabilities adversely impact educational performance and who require specially designed instruction can improve their educational performance when they receive special education and related services tailored to fit their needs. The district adopts the state's full educational opportunity goal to provide students in need of special education services with a free appropriate public education.

Special education programs for eligible students will be an integral part of the general educational programs of this district. They will be operated in compliance with federal and state requirements governing special education. The district will provide a continuum of placement options, which may include services within and outside the district depending on the student's needs.

Not all students with disabilities are eligible for special education services. The needs of those students will be addressed individually and, if appropriate, the student will be provided accommodations or modifications required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in accordance with district policy and procedures.

### Mediation or Resolution Agreements

The board authorizes the superintendent or a designee to bind the district to a mediation or resolution agreement.

### Commencement Exercises/Certificate of Attendance

In order to participate in commencement exercises, students must have met the minimum criteria for graduation prior to the date of the exercise and otherwise be in good standing with their school through the commencement date. Minimum criteria for participation may be adjusted for students with an IEP whose disabilities have impacted their opportunity to accumulate credits. Each student's IEP team will determine the student's graduation plan, including graduation date. IEP students who have attended four years of high school and need additional time to complete IEP goals and/or credits may request participation in commencement exercises. IEP students will receive a certificate of attendance until they complete their credits for graduation.

The district superintendent will develop and maintain special education procedures necessary to implement this policy. This policy and the procedures will be available to the public.

### Cross-References:

Board Policy 2162

Education of Students with Disabilities under  
Section 504

Board Policy 2163	Response to Intervention
Board Policy 3231	Student Records
Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Discipline, and Corrective Actions
Board Policy 3246	Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

Legal References:

RCW 28A.155	Special Education
RCW 28A.600.485	Restraint of students — Use of restraint or isolation specified in individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973 — Procedures — Summary of incidents of isolation or restraint — Publishing to website
RCW 28A.600.486	District policy on the use of isolation and restraint — Notice to parents and guardians of children who have individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973
RCW 28A.605.020	Parents' Access to Classroom or School Sponsored Activities — Limitation
RCW 49.60	Discrimination — Human rights commission
WAC 392-172A	Rules for the provision of special education
29 U.S.C. 794	Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, Pub. L. 93-516, 29 U.S.C. 794
20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004
42 U.S.C. 12131-12133	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
28 CFR Part 35	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services
34 CFR Part 99	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
34 CFR Part 104	Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance
34 CFR Part 300	Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities
34 CFR Part 303	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

Management Resources:

*Policy & Legal News*, March 2016  
*Policy & Legal News*, October 2009

*Policy News*, December 2007

*Policy News*, June 2007

*Policy News*, December 1999

Updated Special Education Policy and  
Procedure  
Graduation Ceremonies for Special Education  
Students  
Rule Adoption Leads to Special Education  
Policy