

# Series 600 – Educational Program

Policy Title: SPECIAL EDUCATION

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The Board of Directors recognizes that some children have different educational needs than other children. The Board of Directors shall provide a free appropriate public education program and related services to those individuals identified in need of special education from birth until the appropriate education is completed or to age 21. 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 or designee 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 age 5 shall be provided comprehensive special education services within the public education system. 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.

The director of special education or his/her designee shall serve as the coordinator of all special education programs, pre-school through high school, and shall provide for the daily administration of special education

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Springdale School District #50 v. Grace, 693 F.2d 41 (8th Cir. 1982).  
Southeast Warren Community School District v. Department of Public Instruction, 285 N.W.2d 173 (Iowa 1979).  
20 U.S.C. §§1400 et seq.. 34 C.F.R. 300 et seq..  
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281 Iowa Admin. Code 12.5(9) (new standards).  
670 Iowa Admin. Code 12.  
1988 Op. Att'y Gen. 8-26-88.  
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