

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

The board recognizes some students have different educational needs than other students. The board shall provide a free appropriate educational 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 a maximum age allowable in accordance with the law. The board shall provide a free appropriate education for a student in need of special education. Students requiring special education shall attend regular education classes, participate in co-curricular activities and receive services in a regular education setting to the maximum extent possible. 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 programs 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.

LEGAL REFERENCE: 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 Community School District v. Department of Public Instruction, 285 N.W.2d 173 (Iowa 1979).  
20 U.S.C. §§1400 et seq. (1988).  
34 C.F.R. Pt. 300 et seq. (1993).  
Code of Iowa §§ 256.11(7); 273.1,.2,.5,.9(2)-(3); 280.8; 281 (1995). 281 I.A.C. 41.

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