Provision of Special Education and Related Service

The Board recognizes some students 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 21 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) or the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Students receiving special education services shall be required to meet the requirements stated in Board policy. It shall be the responsibility of LEA superintendent and the AEA Director of Special Education to provide or make provisions for appropriate special education and related services.

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)

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