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## **PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability, will be provided with a free public education. In pursuit of this policy and in compliance with both State and Federal law, the School District will:

1. Provide for the education of disabled students with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate to their needs.
2. Attempt to find all children with disabilities within the District's boundaries through a planned, systematic procedure of child find.
3. Employ evaluation procedures which avoid misclassification of students and assure appropriate placement.
4. Provide procedural safeguards to ensure the participation of parents and guardians in decisions regarding the referral, evaluation and placement of their children.
5. Provide information to parents and guardians of appeal procedures when recommendations of the District are rejected.
6. Make parents and guardians aware of alternative programs and services.
7. Inform parents of their right to a representative or advocate at all meetings.
8. Where language and social-cultural differences impede understanding in any procedure, make provision for communication in the parents' primary language.
9. For the physically handicapped, provide facilities which do not hamper access to the school or facilities therein.
10. Assure parents and/or their legally constituted representatives access to all school records of their child.
11. Provide supportive personnel and services appropriate to assessment, placement, communication and follow-up of all students with disabilities.
12. Provide transportation as required.
13. Seek out and implement innovative ways of educating the disabled.
14. Make use of private and public service agencies in providing services for children with disabilities as needed in accordance with the guidelines in State and Federal law.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997  
Wis. Statutes Chapter 115, Subchapters III, V  
Wis. Statutes Chapter 121, Subchapter II  
Sections 121.54 (3), 121.78 (3)  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

CROSS REFERENCE: P1 II, Wis. Administrative Code  
Policy JEB – Entrance Age  
ILE, Nonbiased Assessment