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 students eligible for special education shall be an integral part of the general educational programs of this district, and shall 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 with disabilities will be addressed individually and if, appropriate, the students will be provided accommodations or modifications, and/or related aides and services required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 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 Excercies/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 Individualized Education Plan (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.Students with an IEP 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. Students with an IEP will receive a certificate of attendance until they complete their credits for graduation.

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

Cross References:	3246 –-Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
	3241 – Student Discipline
	3231 – Student Records
	2410 – High School Graduation Requirements
	2162 – Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Legal References:	Chapter 28A.155 RCW Special education
	RCW 28A.600.485 Restraint of students with individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973 — Procedures — Definitions.

	 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 Chapter 49.60 RCW Discrimination – Human rights commission WAC 392-172A Rules for the provision of special education 29 U.S.C. 794 Section 504 of the 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 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 pro- grams and activities receiving 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:	2021-December Issue 2014 - June Issue 2009 - October Issue
	Policy News, December 2007 Updated Special Education Policy and Procedure
	Policy News, June 2007 Graduation Ceremonies for Special Educa- tion Students
	Policy News, December 1999 Rule Adoption Leads to Special Educa- tion Policy

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