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SPECIAL EDUCATION

The board recognizes some students have different educational needs than other students. The board shall provide an appropriate 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 twenty-one or to maximum age allowable in accordance with the law. Students requiring special education shall attend regular education classes, participate in extracurricular 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 to provide or make provisions for appropriate special education and related services.

Children from birth through age 5 meeting the identification and verification procedures shall be provided special education services within the public education system. The school district shall work in conjunction with the appropriate education agencies to provide services, at the earliest appropriate time, to children with disabilities. This shall be done to ensure a smooth transition of children entitled to early childhood special education services.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§1400 et seq. (1994).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 300 et seq. (1996).
Neb. Statute 79-11 10 et seq.

Cross Reference: Student Discipline
Student Records
Administration of Medication to Students
Student Special Health Services
School Calendar
Instructional Curriculum
Graduation Requirements