

## **Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities**

In keeping with the intention of the state of Colorado and this Board of Education to offer educational opportunities to all students which will enable them to lead fulfilling and productive lives, the district shall provide appropriate educational opportunities to students with disabilities in accordance with the requirements of state and federal law.

Any student identified as a child with disabilities pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (the IDEIA) who is between the ages of three and 21 and who has not received a high school diploma, GED or otherwise graduated from high school has the right to a free and appropriate public education. These students with disabilities shall be provided individualized educational programs appropriate to meet their educational needs, as determined by the student's individualized education program (IEP) team.

A student identified as a child with disabilities under the IDEIA shall become eligible for special education and related services on his or her third birthday. A student reaching age 21 after the beginning of an academic year shall have the right to complete the semester in which his or her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday occurs or attend until he or she graduates, whichever comes first.

Students with disabilities are required by federal law to be included in state and district-wide assessments, with appropriate accommodations where necessary. Any IEP developed for a student with disabilities shall specify whether the student shall achieve the district's adopted content standards or whether the student shall achieve individualized standards which would indicate the student has met the requirements of his or her IEP.

- LEGAL REFS.:
- 20 U.S.C. §1401 *et seq.* (*Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004*)
  - 29 U.S.C. §701 *et seq.* (*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*)
  - C.R.S. [22-7-407](#) (6)
  - C.R.S. [22-7-409](#) (1.2)(d)(II) (*assignment of scores on statewide assessments for students with disabilities*)

C.R.S. [22-20-101](#) *et seq.* (*Exceptional Children's Educational Act*)

C.R.S. [22-32-110](#) (1)(bb)

1 CCR [301-8](#), Rules 2220-R-1.00 *et seq.* (*Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children's Act*)

CROSS REFS.:

[ACE](#), Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap/Disability

[AEA](#), Standards Based Education

[IA](#), Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives

[IHBIB](#), Primary/Preprimary Education

[JF-E](#), Admission and Denial of Admission

[JK\\*-2](#), Discipline of Students with Disabilities