

Policy 608 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the position of the school board on the need to provide special educational services to some students in the Northfield School District.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT

The school board recognizes that some students need special education and further recognizes the importance of providing a free appropriate public education and delivery system for students in need of special education.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

- A. The school board accepts its responsibility to identify, evaluate, and provide special education and related services for disabled children who are properly the responsibility of the school district and who meet the criteria to qualify for special education and related services as set forth in Minnesota and federal law.
- B. The school district shall ensure that all qualified children with a disability are provided special education and related services that are appropriate to their educational needs environment. When such services require or result from interagency cooperation, the school district shall participate in such interagency activities in compliance with applicable federal and state law.
- C. If parents/guardians object to the district's proposed action regarding identification, assessment, placement, or program of their child with a disability, they will have the opportunity to meet with appropriate district staff in at least one conciliation conference. If conflicts regarding the child's identification, assessment, placement, or program cannot be resolved in conciliation conferences, facilitated IEP meetings, or mediation, the parent/guardian will have the right to an impartial due process hearing as provided by law.

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Board of Education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659

Northfield, Minnesota

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.02 (Definition of Child with a Disability)
Minn. Stat. §§ 125A.027, 125A.03, 125A.08, 125A.15, and 125A.29 (District Obligations)
20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.* (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 508 (Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 509 (Enrollment of Nonresident Students)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)