

PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education will ensure that all resident pre-school children with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in special education programs and services from which they may benefit.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish administrative practices and procedures to carry out this policy. These shall include:

- locating and identifying all pre-school children with disabilities;
- ensuring that the parents of each pre-school age child with disabilities receive all necessary information;
- ensuring that adequate and appropriate space is available;
- appointing a Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) to:
 - evaluate and recommend a placement for each pre-school child in the least restrictive environment (LRE) with a disability,
 - develop an individualized education program (IEP) for each pre-school age child with a disability,
 - develop an appropriate transportation plan for each pre-school child. The district will request and encourage parents to transport their children at public expense where it is cost effective to do so, and
 - review the status of each pre-school child with a disability at least once a year.

The Board shall arrange for the appropriate, approved services recommended by the CPSE. If the Board disagrees with the CPSE's recommendation, the Board shall set out its reasons and return the recommendation to the CPSE so they may address the Board's concerns.

Parents or guardians of pre-school children with, or suspected to have, disabilities shall receive notice of their right to mediation services and/or to an impartial hearing to resolve complaints regarding the education of a pre-school child with a disability.

All communication between the CPSE and the parents or guardians shall be conducted in their dominant language.

Cross-ref: 4321.3, Independent Educational Evaluations

Ref: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§1400 et seq.
 34 CFR §§300.12; 300.503
 Education Law §4410
 Public Law §99-457
 8 NYCRR Part 200; §§200.1; 200.2; 200.3; 200.7; 200.8; 200.16-200.20

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