

**PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

In accordance with state and federal legislation, the Deerfield Community School District is mandated the responsibility to provide free appropriate public education for handicapped children between the ages of three and twenty-one who have exceptional needs (EEN). Students who become 21 years old during the school term shall be provided special education and related services for the full school term.

The Deerfield Community District Board is the accountable local education agency (LEA) for the implementation of the provisions of those laws, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administrative rules, and any federal regulations which govern the operation of these educational programs. The following district operational procedures will provide for implementation of exceptional education programs:

1. LEA narrative plans as required by the DPI:
  - a. Referral and screening systems plan.
  - b. Multidisciplinary team(s), IEP placement process plan.
2. LEA narrative plans are periodically revised and updated to reflect statutory changes and DPI rule revisions. Major changes in LEA plans are reviewed by the Deerfield Community School District Board for adoption as local operational procedures after DPI, Division for Handicapped Children, approval of changes has been obtained by school district officials.
3. A Wisconsin Annual Plan of Services for each categorical program of exceptional education operated by the school district (LD, ED, speech and language) is filed by local district officials each year with DPI. Also included is a plan for school psychologist services, including a generic role description of school psychologists who service exceptional and non-EEN children in this district. Cooperative programming with neighboring districts via 66:30 agreements are currently utilized for EMR and TMR students and early childhood students. Tuition arrangements are utilized for vision and/or hearing impaired students.
4. Narrative descriptions of each EEN program provide further information and operational procedures for local district implementation of such programs.
5. The placement of pupils in EEN programs is a Board of Education responsibility, pursuant to section 115.85 (2)(a), Wis. Stat., and this function will be served by a regular agenda item at the regular monthly meeting of the Deerfield Board of Education.

Within the parameters of state and federal laws governing the operation of programs for handicapped pupils there are due process safeguards for parental rights and appeal. Such provisions are adhered to by this school district and included in administrative rules in the appropriate policies of the district.

It is the policy of the Deerfield Community School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as

required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Rules  
P.L. 94-142  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973