

LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Students with disabilities, including those in public or private residential institutions and other care facilities located in the attendance area of the school corporation, shall be educated and participate in academic, nonacademic, and extracurricular activities with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. The educational placement of students with disabilities shall be determined annually by a case conference committee and shall be based on the student's individualized education program. The case conference committee shall also take into consideration any potentially harmful effect of a suggested placement on the student or on the quality of the services needed.

Unless the individualized education program requires some other arrangement, a student with disabilities shall be educated with the student's chronological peers in the school the student would attend if not disabled. Placement of students with disabilities in special classes or separate facilities shall occur only when it is documented by the case conference committee that education in general education classes, with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be satisfactorily achieved. If necessary, a continuum of alternative educational placements shall be available to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities.

Legal References: 511 I.A.C. 7-42-10