

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

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All students between the ages of 3 and 21 in the Waunakee Community School District who have disabilities shall have the right to receive an appropriate education at public expense.

Most children with disabilities can and shall be educated in the regular instructional program where they shall be given the circumstances and support necessary to achieve their optimal potential.

The needs of certain children are so great that special instructional programs, special facilities, or services are necessary beyond that of the regular classroom program. Children with severe mental, emotional, or physical disabilities will not be placed in the regular classroom situation until there has been a proper determination made through established diagnostic procedures. Such assignment is to be in the best interest of the child's development, and parents/guardians, if they object, are given the right to appeal as provided under state laws or regulations.

These procedures are outlined in the district's Special Education Handbook.

Legal Ref.: Section 118.13  
Chapter 115, Subchapter V Wisconsin Statutes  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 1997 Amendments  
Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
PI 11, Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross Ref.: 411, Equal Educational Opportunities  
Special Education Handbook

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