Education of Students with Disabilities

Section A - Introduction
The Board of Education seeks to meet the educational needs of Glenbrook's students with disabilities by identifying and evaluating such students and providing them with special education and related aids and services as required by federal and State law. The District may maintain membership in one or more cooperative associations of school districts that shall assist the District in fulfilling its obligations to the District’s students with disabilities. When it is not possible to meet the individual needs of a student with disabilities in an existing in-district program, the district shall assume the responsibility for placement of the student in an appropriate out-of-district program.

Section B - Guidelines and Procedures
The school district:

1. Shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary special education and related aids and services to all children with disabilities who reside in or attend secondary schools within the District as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), The Illinois School Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The term “children with disabilities” means children between the ages of 3 and 21, inclusive (e.g., until the day before the student’s 22nd birthday, unless his or her 22nd birthday occurs during the school year, in which case he or she is eligible for such services through the end of the school year). for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in federal and State laws, regulations, and rules, that special education and related aids and services are needed in order for the student to receive educational benefit.

2. Shall be financially responsible, to the extent required by The School Code of Illinois, for the education of all students with disabilities who are residents of District #225 who have graduated eighth grade and/or who are at least 15 years of age, but may admit students with disabilities into special education programs without regard to graduation from the eighth grade after such pupils have reached the age of 14.5 years.

3. Pursuant to the 23 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle A, through the adoption by the Board of the TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 special education cooperative, endorses and adopts the current written policies and procedures in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Act. The procedures titled “Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities” are available upon request or can be downloaded from the school district or TrueNorth website . This document may be amended or revised from time to time.

4. Will permit students with disabilities to have a service animal at school and school-related functions, consistent with the requirements of federal and State law and the Board’s Policy Procedures on Service Animals.

Legal References:
105 ILCS 5/14-1.01 et seq.
23 Illinois Administrative Code Part 226
34 C.F.R. Part 104
Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.
28 C.F.R. Part 35
105 ILCS 5/14-6.02

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