

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Programs for Students who Come Under the Provisions of Section 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (PL 93-112)

It is the policy of the district to provide all eligible students a program appropriate to his/her individual educational needs. The programs will meet the needs of the students as adequately as the needs of the non-handicapped persons are met. The district shall avoid the inappropriate education that may result from the misclassification or misplacement of students.

A District Evaluation Placement Team shall evaluate all children who have been referred and may be handicapped. If the team determines that the child is educationally handicapped, the provisions of RSA 186-C, State Standards and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) shall be followed. If the team determines that the child is handicapped within the meaning of 504, but not educationally handicapped within Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Principal shall appoint a 504 team to develop a plan for the child which will insure program access. This team shall include at least the child's parents and one or more other individual knowledgeable about the child's specific needs.

The district shall annually identify and locate all unserved handicapped children.

The district shall insure that each individual with handicaps is educated with non-handicapped students to the extent appropriate to the needs of the handicapped person.

The district shall permit parents/guardians to participate meaningfully in decisions regarding the evaluation and placement of their children.

The district shall afford handicapped children equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities.

The district shall notify the parties of the following rights by giving them a copy of this policy:

1. The parent or guardian shall have:
 - a. An opportunity to review relevant records.
 - b. The right to an impartial hearing with an opportunity for participation by the persons, parents or guardians and representation by counsel.
 - c. The right to appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction.

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