

PROGRAMS FOR PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

The Laconia School District shall provide a free appropriate public education and necessary related services to all children with disabilities residing within the district, required under the Individual With Disabilities Act and New Hampshire Law.

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate education services. Student may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for program under IDEA, the district shall follow procedures for referral, identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in federal and state statutes, which govern special education. For those students who are not eligible for services under IDEA, but because of a qualifying disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need or are believed to need special education or related service, shall establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards. The safeguards shall cover students' identification, evaluation, education safeguards and procedural placement. This system shall include notice, and opportunity for the student's parent(s) guardian(s) to examine relevant records, and impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and representation by counsel, the right to be represented by legal counsel and review procedure.

The Laconia School District recognizes its obligation to provide an education for all students determined to be educationally disabled and in need of special education and related services. This obligation shall begin when a student reaches three years of age and shall continue until the student's 21st birthday or until such time as he/she receives a high school diploma, whichever occurs first, or until the child's Individualized Education Program(IEP) team determines that the child no longer requires special education in accordance with federal and state law.

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