

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SPECIAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION

PUBLICLY SUPPORTED EDUCATION CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, ORGANIZED AND OPERATED FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN BROWARD COUNTY WHO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLICLY SUPPORTED EDUCATION. THESE PROGRAMS SHALL BE OPERATED WITHIN THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD EXPENDED EQUITABLY IN SUCH A MANNER THAT NO CHILD IS ENTIRELY EXCLUDED FROM A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED EDUCATION CONSISTENT WITH HIS/HER NEEDS AND ABILITY TO BENEFIT THEREFROM EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY NO. 5006, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM OF SPECIAL INSTRUCTION, FACILITIES AND SERVICES UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. SPECIAL INSTRUCTION, CLASSES AND SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE DISTRICT SCHOOL SYSTEM, OR IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER DISTRICT SCHOOL SYSTEMS OR THROUGH CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH APPROVED PRIVATE OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES. PROVIDED THAT IN PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS THE SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS SHALL UTILIZE THE REGULAR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ADAPT THEM TO THE NEEDS OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS WHEREVER THIS IS POSSIBLE.

A STUDENT SHALL NOT BE GIVEN SPECIAL INSTRUCTION OR SERVICES, SEGREGATED OR TAUGHT APART FROM NORMAL STUDENTS UNTIL HE/SHE IS PROPERLY CLASSIFIED AS AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT OR UNTIL A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE STUDENT'S CASE HAS BEEN MADE AND EVIDENCE OBTAINED WHICH INDICATES THAT SEGREGATION OR ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT IS FOR THE STUDENT'S BENEFIT OR IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN TEACHING THE STUDENT IN A REGULAR CLASS.

THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 232.06, FLORIDA STATUTES, 1973 EDITION.

THE SCHOOL BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES FOR DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS AND FOR PROCESSING CERTIFICATES OF EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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RULES

1. Principals shall have the authority to assign or not to assign students to special and alternative educational services consistent with the above Policy, State Laws and Regulations provided the following procedures are followed:
 - a. The assignment or reassignment or denial of assignment or reassignment shall be based on one or more of the following conditions:
 - (1) The student shall have been properly classified as an exceptional student by a competent specialist of exceptional children as provided by Law and Regulations.
 - (2) A careful study of the student's case shall have been made and evidence obtained which indicates that assignment to alternative educational services would be for the student's benefit.
 - (3) A careful study of the student's case shall have been made and evidence obtained which indicates that assignment to special or alternative educational services would not be for the student's benefit.
 - (4) A careful study of the student's case shall have been made and evidence obtained which indicates that assignment to special or alternative educational services or segregation is necessary because of difficulties involved in teaching the student in a regular class.
 - b. The school shall have a written record of the case history of each student showing the reason for the student's withdrawal from the regular class in the public school and his/her enrollment in or withdrawal from a special class for exceptional students or other alternative educational services and this record shall be available for inspection by school officials at all times.

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- c. The parent or guardian of a student placed or denied placement in a program of special or alternative educational services shall be notified promptly of such placement or impending placement or denial of such placement. Such notice shall contain a statement informing the parent or guardian that he/she is entitled to a review of the determination and of the procedures for obtaining such review. District Form A-1 shall be used for this purpose.
2. The Superintendent shall have the authority to issue certification of exemption in accordance with instructions contained in the Board approved Student Welfare and Attendance Department's Policy Handbook.

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