

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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In accordance with state and federal legislation, the Richfield Joint School District No.1 shall provide a free appropriate public education to all eligible persons with disabilities between the ages of three and fourteen.

The District shall ensure that all supportive and related services, including assistive technology, necessary to help an individual child benefit from special education will be provided. Students with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private and parochial schools in the District may participate in District special education programs in accordance with State and Federal laws.

The Richfield board is the accountable local education agency (LEA) for the implementation of the provisions of these laws, the State of Wisconsin administrative rules and any federal regulations which govern the operation of these educational programs.

All District special education services, including placement, provided to students with disabilities shall be determined by an Individualized Education Program IEP team and shall operate under the direction and supervision of the Director of Special Education and shall be in accordance with State and Federal laws. (IEP) teams shall be established to evaluate students and review individual special educational needs.

Parents and students with disabilities shall be afforded due process rights as outlined by Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) and Wisconsin Statutes. The District shall complete all special education report forms and District plans as required by the Department of Public Instruction.

The Board and Administration supports the requirements of State and Federal law that students with disabilities be educated, to the maximum extent appropriate, with children who are nondisabled. The Board further supports the State and Federal requirement that a continuum of alternative placements be available to meet the needs of students with disabilities eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The District identifies, locates and evaluates all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of the disability, who are in need of special education and related services. This includes children attending private schools, who are not yet three (3) years of age, highly mobile children such as migrant children and children and youth in transition, and children who are suspected of being a student with a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

The Director of Special Education is delegated overall program administrative and supervisory responsibility for special education programs and services in this district, in collaboration with the district administrator.

The Richfield Joint School District No. 1 does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

Legal Reference: Wis. Stat. Chapter 115, Subchapter IV Wisconsin DPI Rules implementing Chapter 115, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) 34 CFR

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