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**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Consistent with the state’s full education opportunity goal, as described in 34 CFR 300.109, to provide students in need of special education services with a free appropriate public education, the Superintendent must ensure that all students have access to general education instruction and interventions to allow them to make educational progress. The Superintendent must prevent misidentification of students with disabilities.

Special education programs for students eligible for special education are an integral part of the educational programs of the District, and the Superintendent must operate the programs in compliance with the requirements of federal and state statutes governing special education. The District must provide a continuum of placement options which may include services within and outside the District, depending on a student’s needs.

Students with disabilities who are not eligible for special education services may be eligible for accommodations required under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act in accordance with District policies and procedures.

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

IEP teams determine IEP students’ graduation plans, including graduation dates.

A student with an IEP who is in good standing with the school through the commencement date, and who has attended four years of high school, but has not completed sufficient credits for graduation, may participate in commencement and receive a certificate of attendance in lieu of a diploma.

**MEDIATION OR RESOLUTION AGREEMENTS**

The Board of Directors authorizes the Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee, to bind the District to a mediation or resolution agreement.

The Olympia School District Superintendent must maintain special education procedures necessary to implement this policy. This policy and its procedures must be available to the public on the District website and by request to the District.



*POLICY ADOPTED*  
*REVISED*

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