

I-7 SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to prepare and maintain a comprehensive plan for the development and implementation of individual instructional programs for all exceptional children of school age residing within the school district who are in need of specialized assistance.

The plan shall include procedures which comply with the equal protection and due process clause of the U.S. Constitution as they relate to the following:

- Child find/referral
- Screening
- Evaluation
- Eligibility
- Individual education program and,
- Other legal aspects concerning exceptional children

The program for Special Education in the Opelika City Schools shall include services in all exceptionalities defined by state and federal guidelines when needs are identified.

All development and implementation procedures shall comply with specified state and federal statutes concerning education programs for exceptional students.

The Board will provide free appropriate public education for all eligible children with disabilities, ages three (3) through twenty-one (21) inclusive, in accordance with the “Individuals With Disabilities Act,” Public law 105-17 and all amendments thereto.

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LEGAL REF: Code of Alabama 16-39-1, et seq.; 16-39A-2; 20 U.S.C. 2502 et seq.