

Education for Students with Special Needs and Disabilities

The Belmont Public Schools shall ensure that students with special needs receive a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that meets their needs, as required by federal and state law and regulations. No student with a disability shall, solely by reason of such disability, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination in any program in the Belmont Public Schools.

The Superintendent shall ensure the development of a process that identifies children with special needs, or disabilities, evaluates their needs, prescribes suitable programs and/or accommodations and assesses their educational progress. This process shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations governing the provision of special educational services and services for children with disabilities, including the appointment of a compliance officer and adoption and publication of a grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints.

References:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: 20 USC 1400-1487, and implementing regulations: 34 CFR Part 300

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: 29 USC 794, and implementing regulations: 34 CFR Part 104

MGL 71B: Children with Special Needs, and implementing regulations: 603 CMR 28

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