Sparta Area School District

Article 412 - Admittance to Programs Designed to Accommodate Pupils with Exceptional Education Needs

Upon written parental consent presented to the Board of Education or its designee, multi-disciplinary screening opportunities shall be provided to any child in the Sparta Area School District not yet reaching their twenty-first birthday. The administration shall verify the age and residence of the child, and all such requests shall be referred to the M-team for screening and determination of an exceptional education need.

Upon approval of the M-Team's report by the Board of Education or its designee, when a child has been identified as having exceptional educational need, a team shall be appointed to develop a plan of individualized education for the child. This team shall include at least one individual having authority to encumber resources and a teacher in the pupil's exceptionality.

The Board of Education or its designee shall appoint a placement committee to prepare a program placement offer which identifies the program placement, level, special education and regular education options considered by the committee in determining a placement offer and justification for removal from regular education. Additionally, the Board of Education or its designee shall appoint a second placement committee which shall include the designee, which will determine the program location with consideration for the least restrictive environment.

The Board of Education or its designee, after the parent has consented in writing, shall place in an appropriate exceptional educational program a child who has been found to be in need of exceptional education and who resides in the Sparta Area School District.

In the case of a disagreement on the part of the parents, the parents shall be informed of the appeal procedures according to Sec. 115.81 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

It is the policy of the Sparta Area School District to comply with all applicable state or federal laws concerning non-discrimination and, therefore, no person may be denied admission to any public school in this District or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program or activity on grounds that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the person’s sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy or marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stat. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Legal Reference:

Cross Reference:

Approved:

Revised: