

610: Inclusive Education Programs (P)

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POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes and supports the goals for education and that these goals apply to all students, including students with diverse abilities or disabilities.

To help realize student success, the Board of Education will provide appropriate services and programs to students with diverse abilities or disabilities which are equitable, inclusive, relevant, accessible, accountable and of high quality. The Board will endeavor to ensure services and programs will assist students to reach their individual potential in areas of self-determination, intellectual, social/emotional, communication and career development.

The Board of Education supports the philosophy of inclusion and the practice of integrated classrooms whereby students with diverse abilities or disabilities are placed in classrooms with peers, unless the specific educational needs indicate otherwise.

The Board of Education recognizes that education is a shared responsibility among parents, teachers and other service providers, and that these partners must work cooperatively and collaboratively.