

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board Policy

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Instruction

IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WHO ARE QUALIFIED HANDICAPPED PERSONS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

It is the Policy of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara School Districts to provide a free and appropriate public education to each handicapped student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the handicap.

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and for this policy reference, a handicapped student is defined as one who (a) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; (b) has a record of such an impairment; or (c) is regarded as having such an impairment.

Students may be handicapped under Section 504 and this policy even though they do not require special services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Students who are identified as individuals with exceptional needs according to the IDEA criteria are not addressed under this policy, as the needs of such students are provided for elsewhere under state and federal law, and the Special education Local Plan Area procedures.

Legal References:

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
34 C.F.R. Section 104

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