

SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION

Educational Program - 340

Programs for Students with Disabilities (342.1)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Board of Education shall provide programs for students with disabilities as defined by law. In recognition of the educational responsibility for all students, the board shall provide a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities who reside in the district. Specific educational programs and services for students with disabilities shall be determined by the student's individualized education program (IEP) team and be based on an assessment of the student's individual needs. Students with disabilities shall participate in academic assessments required by law, with or without accommodations, or alternative assessments as outlined in the student's IEP.

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District will stay within the parameters of state and federal laws governing the operations of programs for students with disabilities. All parental due process and appellate rights will be adhered to by the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District.

A special education handbook shall be developed that outlines procedures that meet all legal requirements and will be adopted by the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Board of Education. Programs for students with disabilities may be provided through cooperative agreement with other school districts, contracted services through Cooperative Educational Services (CESA), or provided through school district employees.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.125, 118.13, 118.30, 251.54(3), 121.78(3) Wisconsin Statutes
Chapter 115, Subchapter V Wisconsin Statutes
PI 11 Wisconsin Administrative Code
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
Americans with Disabilities Act

Cross Reference: Board Policy 235.1 – Job Description of School Psychologist/Director of Special Education.
Board Policy 410 – Equal Educational Opportunities
Special Education Handbook

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