

## **SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION**

### **Educational Program - 340**

#### **Early Childhood Program (342.8)**

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District promotes an early childhood program that looks to fairly identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, from birth to age 4, at least once during the course of the school year.

The school district will organize and advertise to all parents, “Child Development Days.” During child development days, parents can bring their children in at an informal setting and have them screened for possible deficiencies in speech, vision, hearing, and in cognitive and motor skills. The school district will hold one screening at the school and will try to utilize the public libraries in each of the three communities at least once a year for further outreach efforts with parents.

After initial screenings, more formal testing of a child may take place with the school’s recommendation and with parental permission. After the formal testing period is completed, the school and the parents will meet to see if the school needs to provide early childhood education to students found with such deficiencies.

Legal Reference:       Section 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
                                  Chapter 115, Subchapter V, Wisconsin Statutes  
                                  PI 11 Wisconsin Administrative Code  
                                  Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
                                  Individuals with Disabilities Act

Cross Reference:       Board Policy 410 – Equal Educational Opportunities  
                                  Board Policy 342.1 – Programs for Students With Disabilities  
                                  Special Education Handbook

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