

Policy IDDFAA: District Assurance For Children With Disabilities

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The Jackson County School District is committed to serving students with disabilities and hereby sets a goal of expanding and providing full educational opportunities for all students with disabilities, ages three (3) through twenty (20). The opportunities will be provided in accordance with applicable state statutes, federal laws and the Mississippi Department of Education's policies.

FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

The district will provide a free appropriate public education to children ages three (3) through twenty (20) with a disability who need special education and, as appropriate, related services as defined under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2007 (IDEA), Mississippi statutes, and the Mississippi Department of Education policies. A free appropriate public education will be provided to students with disabilities who are enrolled in the district and who are residing within the jurisdiction of the district. These services will be provided at no cost to the parent, will meet the standards of the Mississippi State Board of Education, and will stand in conformity with a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The provision of a free appropriate public education will continue for a student with a disability through the school year in which a student reaches age twenty-one (21) if the student was enrolled in the district and was twenty (20) at the beginning of the school year.

Preschool students who have been determined to have a disability under IDEA, Part B, shall be provided a free appropriate public education in accordance with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) no later than their third (3rd) birthday.

Children participating in early-intervention programs under Part C of IDEA, and who are eligible and will participate in preschool programs under Part B of IDEA, will experience a smooth and effective transition to the district's preschool program. Appropriate district personnel will participate in transition planning conferences arranged by the Department of Health, the lead agency for Part C of IDEA.

In accordance with Part B of IDEA regulations, students with disabilities who have graduated from high school with a general education diploma are not entitled to a free appropriate public education by the district.

Procedures for the implementation of this policy by the district are those contained in the state regulations that are relevant to local school districts and issued by the Mississippi Department of Education.
