

Instruction

Special Education

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (“IDEA”) and Connecticut law, the Board provides a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) to all students, ages 3 to 21, who are eligible for special education and related services. In order to be eligible for special education and related services under the IDEA and Connecticut law, a student must receive an evaluation and qualify under one or more of thirteen categories of disabilities. Eligible students will receive special education and related services through an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”).

A student’s Planning and Placement Team (“PPT”) is charged with determining whether a student requires an evaluation and, if so, the content of such evaluation. The PPT is further charged with reviewing such evaluation, determining the student’s eligibility, and planning an appropriate program for the student including transition goals required by statute.—The PPT consists of the following individuals: the parent(s)/guardian(s); not less than one regular education teacher of the child (if the child is, or may be participating in the regular education environment); not less than one special education teacher of the child; a representative of the Board who is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction, is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum, and knowledgeable about available resources; an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of the evaluation results; at the discretion of the parent or Board, other individuals who have knowledge or particular expertise regarding the child, including related service providers; and whenever appropriate, the child.

A member of the student’s PPT shall meet with the student's parents/guardians, upon the request of the parents/guardians, prior to the referral PPT meeting for the student. The sole purpose of such meeting is to discuss the PPT process and any concerns the parent/guardian has about the student. Parents/guardians may also request that copies of assessments and evaluations be provided to them at least three (3) school days before the initial eligibility PPT meeting.

A referral to special education may be made by completing a Referral Form, found at www.granby.k12.ct.us (on the Pupil Services page). Assistance completing the Referral Form or questions about the process can be directed to the Principal of the school your child attends. A hardcopy of this form is also available in the main office of each school.

Eligible students and their parents, and students in the process of being evaluated and their parents, are entitled to various procedural safeguards under the IDEA and Connecticut law. The procedural safeguards can be found at www.granby.k12.ct.us, or a hard copy can be obtained in the main office of your child’s school. Connecticut State Department of Education information and resources relating to IEPs and special education can be found in Appendix A.

Alternate Assessment

The Board will, in all respects, comply with the requirements of state and federal law with regard to the special education of students with disabilities. Decisions about whether a student with a disability eligible for special education and related services under the IDEA shall participate in alternative assessment(s) for particular statewide or district-wide assessments shall be made by each student's PPT in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and administration to develop procedures to implement the requirements of the IDEA and Connecticut law relating to special education and related services.

Legal Reference:

Federal Law:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*

34 C.F.R. § 300.1 *et seq.*

Connecticut General Statutes:

10-14q Exceptions

10-76a Definitions

10-76b State supervision of special education programs and services.
Regulations. (as amended by PA 12-173)

10-76d Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.

10-76g State aid for special education.

10-76h Special education hearing and review procedure. Mediation of disputes.

10-76ee Administrative representative required for planning and placement team meetings

10-76ff Procedures for determining if a child requires special education

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

10-76a-1 through 10-76l-1

Policy Adopted:

Policy Revised:

Appendix A

Information and Resources Relating to Individualized Education Programs

Pursuant to Connecticut law, the Granby Board of Education must provide parents of students eligible for special education and related services with information and resources, created by the Connecticut State Department of Education (the "Department"), relating to individualized education programs ("IEPs"). In accordance with this requirement, the Board provides the following list of information and resources to assist parents.

- Bureau of Special Education Resources, <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE>
- A Parent's Guide to Special Education in Connecticut, https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Parents_Guide_SE.pdf?la=en
- Planning and Placement Team (PPT) Process and Individualized Education Program (IEP) Forms, <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Planning-and-Placement-Team-PPT-Process-and-Individualized-Education-Program-IEP-Forms>
- A Tool to Assist PPTs in Addressing the Unique Communication Needs of Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Language and Communication Plan, https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Language_and_Communication_Plan.pdf?la=en
- Promoting School Success for Children with Disabilities:
 - PPT 101, <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/PPT101.pdf>
 - PPT Process, https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/PPT_Process.pdf?la=en
- Secondary Transition, <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Secondary-Transition-Resources-for-Special-Education-Students>
- Helpful CT Resources for Families, <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Special-Education-Resources-for-Families>