

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The requirements of Chapter 71B and the Massachusetts General Laws and state regulations will be followed in the identification of children with disabilities, in referrals for their evaluation, in prescribing for them suitable programs and in assessing their educational progress. In keeping with state requirements, all children with special needs between the ages of three through 21 who have not attained a high school diploma or its equivalent will be eligible for special education.

The School Committee believes that most children with disabilities can be educated in the regular school program when provided specialized instruction, accommodations and appropriate individualized supports. Children with disabilities should also be given the opportunity to participate in the Hull Public School's nonacademic and extracurricular activities.

The Committee recognizes that the individual needs of some students are so great that special programs, special classes or special schools may be necessary. When appropriate programs, services, or facilities are not available within the Hull Public Schools, the Committee will provide these children with access to schools where such instruction and accommodations are available.

It is the desire of the Committee that the schools work closely and consistently with parents in designing and providing programs and services to children with disabilities. Parents will be informed, and conferred with, whenever a child is referred for evaluation. In event of any disagreement concerning diagnosis, program plan, special placement, or evaluation, the parents will be accorded the right of due process.

The Committee will secure properly trained personnel to work with children with disabilities. Since the financial commitment necessary to meet the needs of all of these children is extensive the Committee will make every effort to obtain financial assistance from all sources.

LEGAL REFS: The Individuals with Disabilities Ed. Act (PL 108-446 adopted 12/03/04)

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