

Policy Title:

*Special Education Programs*

Code No. **602.7**

The Cedar Falls Community Schools will provide programs and services to meet the educational needs of all students. The board recognizes that some students have different educational needs than other students. The board shall provide a free, appropriate public education program and related services to students identified in need of special education. The special education services will be provided from birth until the appropriate education is completed, age 21 or to maximum age allowable in accordance with the law. Students requiring special education shall attend general education classes, participate in nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities, and receive services in a general education setting to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of each individual student. The appropriate education for each student shall be written in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Special education students are required to meet the requirements stated in board policy or in their IEP's for graduation. It is the responsibility of the superintendent and the area education agency director of special education to provide or make provisions for appropriate special education and related services.

Children from birth through age 2 and children age 3 through age 5 are provided comprehensive special education services within the public education system. The school district will work in conjunction with the area education agency to provide services, at the earliest appropriate time, to children with disabilities from birth through age 2. This shall be done to ensure a smooth transition of children entitled to early childhood special education services.

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