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Special Education Placement (SEPP)

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Minneapolis Public Schools offer a Free, Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) when considering the placement of all of its students with special needs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the school district's policy that due process rights and procedural safeguards for parents or guardians and students set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) are implemented. SEPP ensures that these rights and procedures are followed in the placement of students with special education needs.

III. SEPP PROCEDURES

- A. SEPP provides enrollment procedures for students in need of special education services entering MPS from another school district or transferring between MPS programs, schools or levels of service.
- B. SEPP is based on four controlling legal principles:
 1. Special education students, like general education students, are entitled to receive educational services immediately upon registering in MPS;
 2. Special education services cannot be provided without an Individual Education Program (IEP);
 3. MPS must provide services comparable to those described in a valid and current IEP from a school district in another state, unless a special education evaluation applying Minnesota eligibility criteria is completed and it is determined that the student is not eligible for special education services in Minnesota; and
 4. MPS must provide services comparable to those described in a valid and current IEP from another Minnesota school district unless the MPS IEP team agrees to change the IEP.
- C. Final placement decisions for students with special needs are the responsibility of the IEP Team which includes the student and/or the student's parent or guardian. The assigned MPS school or program site is responsible for providing the educational services required in a student's IEP.



Legal References:

20 U.S.C.§1414(d)2(C)(i) [Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004]
Minn. Stat. §125A.08 (Individualized Education Programs)
Minn. Rules 3525.3010 (Educational Placement)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 5120 (Age of Entrance)
MPS Policy 5260 (School Attendance Areas)
MPS Policy 5262 (Assignment of Students to Schools)
MPS Policy 5700 (Special Education)
MPS Policy 6120 (Educational Choices)

MPS School Placement Guides (annual publications)