

**Special Education - Private Schools**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires special education services for two different groups of private school students: those referred or placed by the district; and those enrolled by parents/guardians. The law, rules and requirements for these groups of students are vastly different. It is the policy of the district to implement differentiated procedures and services for these groups.

The district shall ensure that a student with a disability who is placed in or referred to a private school or facility by the district is provided special education and related services at no cost to the parent, is provided an education that meets the standards that apply to education provided by the district, and has all of the rights of a student with a disability who is served by the district.

If a student with a disability has a free appropriate public education available to him/her and the parent/guardian chooses to place the student in a private school, the district is not required to pay the cost of the student’s education, including special education and related services, at the private school.

Parentally-placed private school students attending a private school within the district’s boundaries will be included in the district’s special education private school student count and the private school students for whom the district may provide services.

END OF POLICY

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Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.221, 300.380 - 300.382 (2017).