

## **PROGRAMS FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS (EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN)**

In keeping with the Board's commitment to assure each child the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential, the Board shall offer special programs for all exceptional children, as mandated by Chapter 404 and 405 of Title 20 of the Maine Revised Statutes. Such programs shall be determined from time-to-time upon the recommendation of the superintendent. Such programs shall include but not be limited to:

1. Title I projects in target area schools
2. Special reading instruction
3. Programs in speech and language
4. Psychological services for the emotionally and behaviorally disturbed (Title I Mental Health model program)
5. Programs for the mentally impaired
6. Programs for the physically impaired
7. Programs for the visually and hearing impaired
8. Programs for learning disabled children
9. Job skill training programs for eligible exceptional students

Identification of students to be placed in special programs shall be in accordance with legal requirements and rules promulgated by the State Department of Education; no child shall be placed in a special class without a previous conference with parents or guardian.

The assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction shall be responsible for the overall direction and guidance of the programs for exceptional children in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the State Department of Education. The assistant superintendent may organize such advisory committees as he or she deems desirable to review the implementation of the Augusta Public School's special services, particularly as they relate to the Maine Special Education Act. Appropriate inservice training shall be provided as necessary to teachers assigned to special programs.

**Current Practice codified 1975**

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**LEGAL REFS: M.R.S.A. Title 20, Chapters 404 and 405; 20:3561;  
Title 22:3502; Title 34:2901 through 2905**

**CROSS REFS: EE, Transportation Services Management  
JFE, Pregnant Students**

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