

## Education Of Children With Disabilities IS 4

The Murfreesboro City Schools shall make available a free and appropriate public school education for all children with disabilities beginning at age three residing within the jurisdiction of the school system. The plan for implementation of appropriate instruction and special education services shall be in accordance with the current Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education and state and federal laws.

The Board shall develop and periodically update a local plan for providing special education services for students with disabilities. Specifically, the Board assures that:

1. All children with disabilities will have available to them a free, appropriate public education.
2. The rights of children with disabilities and their parents will be protected.

The plan shall:

1. Carry out comprehensive screening and assessment emphasizing the early identification and evaluation of students with disabilities;
2. To ensure that placements are made which educate children with disabilities with non-disabled to the maximum extent appropriate in the schools these children would normally attend;
3. To provide each child with disabilities an individual education program (IEP) specifically designed to meet the child's unique needs;
4. To provide continuing evaluation of the progress of each child with disabilities, including at least an annual review of the child's IEP and consideration for reevaluation at least every three (3) years;
5. To ensure that procedural safeguards required by state and federal laws are adhered to; and
6. To involve parents of children with disabilities in a meaningful dialogue with school personnel beginning with initial referral and continuing throughout the student's educational career.

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### Legal References

TR/MS 0520-1-3-,09(3)(b)

T.C.A. 49-10-101 et.seq

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 has been interpreted by the courts to include individuals with contagious diseases to be handicapped.