

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

As a primary goal, it is the policy of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide access for exceptional students to specialized instruction and related services that are individually designed to provide educational benefit to children with disabilities. An exceptional student shall be defined as any student who, because of physical, mental, emotional or learning disability is unable to receive an appropriate educational program without specialized instruction and, if appropriate, related services. This instruction may be provided in a regular class, a special class, or in a special facility. The term exceptional student shall also be applied to those students identified as gifted.

The Board will provide special educational programs to students who show eligibility and require special education in one or more of the following areas: autism spectrum disorder, deaf or hard-of-hearing, developmental delay, dual-sensory impairments, emotional/behavioral disabilities, established conditions, homebound or hospitalized, intellectual disabilities, physically impaired with orthopedic impairment, physically impaired with other health impairment, physically impaired with traumatic brain injury, specific learning disabilities, speech and language impairments, and visual impairment. Services are also provided for students who are gifted.

Exceptional Student Education is an integral part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Regular schools, special centers, special services, related state and local agencies, and resources are all utilized. All of the facilities and services of the regular school are made available to the exceptional student.

The document entitled *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2009-2010 through 2011-2012* is a part of and incorporated into this rule and will be submitted to the FDOE.

Copies of *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Effective Dates: 2009-2010 through 2011-2012* are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

Specific Authority: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(25); 1001.43(10) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 1001.42(4)(l); 1001.51(5)(6)(8); 1002.20(8); 1002.39(1)(2); 1003.01(3)(a) and (b); 1003.02; 1003.57; 1003.573; 1008.25(1)(2)(6)(b) F.S.

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