

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROVISION OF
SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION AND RELATED
SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

Effective: 2007-2008 School Year

The final federal regulations promulgated to implement the 2004 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) became effective on Friday, October 13, 2006. The Department of Education is in the process of preparing an initial draft of revised State Board of Education rules applicable to the education of students with disabilities in the state of Florida. These rules will incorporate the provisions of IDEA 2004 and its final regulations.

Until Florida's rules are promulgated, current State Board of Education rules remain in effect. Where there is a discrepancy between the requirements of the federal law/regulations and Florida's rules, the school districts must follow the requirements that provide more protection or entitlements to the student and/or his/her parents.

The attached identifies amendments to the 2004-2005 through 2006-2007 Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) document. Some items reflect explicit additions and/or deletions in the language of the SP&P, such as when a new section was added or a section has been rewritten. Others are descriptive statements designed to provide general guidance to school districts in their implementation of federal and state requirements. Each school district must obtain district school board approval of the attached revisions and submit the Certification of Approval to the following address:

Kim C. Komisar, Program Director
Exceptional Student Education Monitoring
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 614
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 245-0476

The attached Certification of Approval must be received by the Bureau by August 31, 2007. If a district's school board approval process requires an extension to this date, please contact Dr. Komisar by e-mail at kim.komisar@fldoe.org or by telephone, at (850) 245-0476.

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CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

School district or agency: _____

Administrator of Exceptional Student Education: _____

The attached document amends the SP&P developed for the 2004-2005 through 2006-2007 school years. The amended SP&P document is in effect through the 2007-2008 school year.

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

I, _____, do hereby certify that each of the statements below is true:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES

This document, the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students, was approved by the governing body for submission to the Florida Department of Education (DOE) on the date indicated.

The contents of this document, which include the existing SP&P 2004-2005 through 2006-2007 and amendments provided by the DOE, have not been altered in any way.

The school district shall implement the requirements of all state statutes or State Board of Education rules affecting programs for exceptional students during the effective dates of this document.

The school district shall implement the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-447) as reflected in this document and the requirements of Sections 300, 301, and 303 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Signature of Superintendent of School District or Authorized Representative of
Governing Body or Agency

Date of Board Approval

