

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Education

Free, Appropriate Education for Students With Disabilities

This regulation supersedes Regulation 2670.

I. PURPOSE

This regulation and the manual Evaluation, Eligibility, and Placement Procedures for Special Education implement, in part, the current version of Policy 2670 by establishing procedures to be followed in the identification and provision of services to students with disabilities.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

This regulation has been reviewed, and there are no changes at this time.

III. PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) shall provide a free, appropriate public education for eligible students with disabilities, aged 2 through 21, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. The current version of FCPS manual Evaluation, Eligibility, and Placement Procedures for Special Education is based on the current version of Virginia Department of Education Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children With Disabilities in Virginia. In the event of any conflict between the procedures manual and the state regulations, state regulations take precedence.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Department of Special Services Responsibility

The Office of Student Services in the Department of Special Services shall be responsible for:

1. The design, implementation, and maintenance of the manual Evaluation, Eligibility, and Placement Procedures for Special Education.
2. Issuing and updating the procedures manual as required.

B. Program Manager Responsibility

1. A copy of the procedures manual shall be available for review in each principal's office or school and in each cluster office.
2. The program manager shall ensure that the manual's specific procedural safeguards are followed in decision making regarding identification, evaluation, eligibility, and educational placement of students with disabilities.
3. The program manager shall be responsible for maintaining the procedures manual when additions and/or changes are issued. The director of student services and the director of special education shall be responsible for informing staff members of such changes.

See also the current version of: Policy 2670, Programs for Children With Disabilities