



INSTRUCTION: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Education Services

I. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to the principles articulated in federal and state law regarding the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE), the protection of the rights of eligible students with disabilities, and the principle that every child can learn and succeed.
- B. The Board is committed to providing equity and excellence in education by providing each student with an instructional environment that nurtures potential and enhances academic success. With this central mission in mind, the Board recognizes every student in Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) who exhibits special needs should have access to appropriate educational services.
- C. The Board recognizes that students with disabilities should be provided with appropriate services, supports, accommodations, and modifications to address individual needs, to promote student growth, and to receive educational benefit.

II. Standards

BCPS will provide a continuum of appropriately differentiated educational experiences, services, and placements for all students with disabilities, birth through age 21. These educational experiences, services, and placements will be research-based and aligned with school system goals.

III. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §1400, *et seq.*, *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*
34 CFR §§300, *et seq.*, *Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities*

POLICY 6402

*Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §§8-401 to -417,
Children with Disabilities*
COMAR 13A.05.01, *Provision of a Free Appropriate Public
Education*

RELATED POLICIES: Board of Education Policy 0100, *Equity*
Board of Education Policy 0200, *Precepts, Beliefs, and Values
of the Baltimore County Public Schools*
Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*
Board of Education Policy 6000, *Curriculum and Instruction*

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