Western Reserve Local Schools

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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The Board of Education is committed to providing a free, appropriate public education ("FAPE") to children with disabilities between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21), inclusive, who have been identified in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. This includes children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled from school, failed or been retained in a course or grade, and are advancing from grade to grade. It further includes students with disabilities who are confined to community corrections facilities or juvenile detention centers. The District shall provide students with disabilities the services to which they are entitled pursuant to their individualized education programs ("IEPs") and in accordance with the Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities, including Child Find and Evaluation requirements. Students with disabilities who are in adult county jails shall continue to receive FAPE during incarceration, subject to their continued eligibility for services and subject to exceptions related to security and safety.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the *Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities* ("Ohio Operating Standards"), the Board of Education adopts the model policies and procedures promulgated by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW"), which are incorporated by reference into this policy. While the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") issued by the DEW are comprehensive, the document does not include every requirement set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEA"), the regulations implementing the IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code. As such, the Board affirms its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, regardless of whether their provisions are restated in the Model Policies.

Copies of the Model Policies are available at the office of the Board of Education.

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