

CHAPTER 4.00 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

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Definition: An exceptional student shall mean any child who requires special instruction or related services to take full advantage of or to respond to educational programs and opportunities because of a physical, mental, emotional, social, or learning exceptionality, as determined by a multi-disciplinary team which includes psychological, educational, and/or physical evaluation results provided by specialists qualified under State Board of Education rules. Exceptional students with disabilities include students with mental retardation, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities. Students identified as gifted are also included within this definition.

- I. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall annually adopt a plan for the provision of exceptional student education programs for all exceptional students.
- II. The annual Plan for [Special Programs and Procedures for Exceptional Students](#) shall include screening procedures, pre-referral activities, referral procedures, eligibility criteria, program placement, program dismissal, and descriptions of program organization and operations.
- III. The annual plan for exceptional student education shall be subject to the approval of the State Commissioner of Education.
- IV. The exceptional student education program shall conform to the provisions adopted by the Board and approved by the Commissioner and shall function in accordance with the provisions of law, State Board of Education rules, and other applicable provisions of Board rules.
- V. All parents of exceptional students, those identified as having disabilities and/or as being gifted, shall be informed of the services that are available and appropriate to meet their child's individual needs.

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