

## **PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS**

The goal of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District's special education programming is to provide a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to students who are determined to be eligible for special education and/or related services under state and federal laws.

The requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71B (often referred to as Chapter 766), and the regulations implementing these statutes, will be followed in the identification of children aged 3 through 21 years of age with disabilities, in referrals for evaluation, in developing an individualized education program, and in assessing the student's educational progress.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School District will work with parents/guardians in designing and providing programs and services to children with special needs. Parents/Guardians will be informed, and conferred with, whenever a child is referred for evaluation. In the event of a disagreement concerning eligibility, services, placement, or evaluation, the parents/guardians will be afforded all rights and protections under both state and federal law.

Legal Refs.: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 71B (often referred to as Chapter 766)  
603 C.M.R. 28.00 *et seq.*

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