

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**Responsible Office: DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

#### **A. PURPOSE**

To ensure Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) provides access to a free, appropriate public education for all students with disabilities, regardless of severity, birth through 21 years of age in accordance with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

#### **B. ISSUE**

Federal and state laws govern the provision of early intervention and special education services to student with disabilities from birth through 21 years of age, who reside within its jurisdiction, and who are in need of special education and related services, including students who attend private school or who live in a state operated program.

#### **C. POSITION**

1. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) is committed to ensuring that special education services are based on the individual needs of each child, as determined by the decisions of the student's IEP team.
2. 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 as stated in their IEPs or IFSPs.

#### **D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted on 03/02/16

*Note previous policy history:* Replaces Policy 611, adopted 09/04/79 and revised 05/20/91, and 05/04/94.