

A+ Arts Academy – Policy & Procedure Manual

Section: Policies
Subject: Child Find Policy
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A+ Arts Academy provides special education to children with disabilities between the ages of 11 and 14. Children who are/may be physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged, and whose disability impacts their educational progress may be eligible for services. Children who are deaf or blind are eligible from birth.

It is our desire to provide a safe, free and appropriate education to children with disabilities who reside in the A+ boundaries. If you know of a child who may be in need of services, please contact your local school campus or call 614-338-0767. (Children ages 11-14 should be referred through the campus.)

The Board maintains that discrimination against a qualified disabled person solely on the basis of disability is unfair. To the extent possible, qualified disabled persons should be in the Mainstream of life in a school community. In addition, the District is the recipient of Federal funds and therefore must be in compliance with all laws and regulations which deal with disabled individuals.

Accordingly, employees of the District comply with the law and Board policy to ensure Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability. The following is expected.

1. No one discriminates against qualified disabled persons in any aspect of school employment solely on the basis of disability.
2. Facilities, programs and activities are made available to qualified disabled persons.
3. Free appropriate public education at elementary and secondary levels, including nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities, are provided to qualified disabled persons.
4. No one excludes any qualified disabled person, solely on the basis of disability, from participation in any preschool education, day care, adult education or vocational education program.
5. Each qualified disabled person is provided with the same health, welfare and other social services which are provided to others.

LEGAL REFS.: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; 20 USC 1401 et seq. Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 29 USC 794; Americans with Disabilities Act; 42 USC 12112 et seq. ORC 3323.01 et seq.; Chapter 4112

Note to Child Find Contact: A letter to accompany this release and a copy of the release are also in a separate file in the correspondence section of sample information.

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**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE (AND REPEATED) PUBLICATION**

A+ Arts Academy Announces Child Find Efforts

A+ Arts Academy and its member districts offer[s] comprehensive special education services to eligible students ages 11 through 14 years and to children from birth through age 21 years who have a hearing or visual impairment. Children from birth to age three with other disabilities will be referred to appropriate agencies for services. All referrals are considered confidential, and services are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and are provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law.

Public school services include screening in areas of suspected disabilities, such as vision, hearing, motor skills, speech, language, and general development. Evaluations in the schools are provided for several areas of suspected disabilities, including learning disabilities, speech and language development, physical impairments, vision or hearing problems, mental retardation, emotional disturbances, autism/pervasive developmental disorders, health impairments, or traumatic brain injuries.

A free, appropriate, public education with a full continuum of services is available. For more information concerning eligibility criteria and referral procedures, contact the principal or counselor of your local school or call the A+ Arts Academy at 270 S. Napoleon Avenue (614) 338-0767.