

# NEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS, INC.

## POLICY 608

### INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES – SPECIAL EDUCATION

#### POLICY MANAGEMENT

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the position of the Board of Directors on the need to provide special educational services to identified students in the school.

#### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Board of Directors recognizes that some students need special education and further recognizes the importance of providing a free appropriate public education and delivery system for students in need of special education.

The Board of Directors of New Heights Schools, Inc. adopts the use of the developmental delay category to be used as per MN Statute §125A.02 subd. 1 and as defined as per MN Statute §3525.1350 subd. 3B as one of the 14 options for eligibility for special education and services for students who are between the ages of three and six as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year.

#### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The Board of Directors accepts its responsibility to identify, evaluate, and provide special education and related services for children with a disability who are properly the responsibility of the school and who meet the criteria to qualify for special education and related services as set forth in Minnesota and federal law.
- B. The Board of Directors shall ensure that all qualified children with a disability are provided special education and related services that are appropriate to their educational needs.
- C. When such services require or result from interagency cooperation, the school shall participate in such interagency activities in compliance with applicable federal and state law.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)  
Minn. Stat. § 125A.02 (Definition of Child with a Disability)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 125A.027, 125A.03, 125A.08, 125A.15, and 125A.29 (District Obligations)  
20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.* (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination Policy)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 508 (Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 509 (Enrollment of Nonresident Students)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)