MERRIMACK SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

The District adopts "developmental delay" as one of the disabilities that may qualify a child as disabled under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New Hampshire's special education standards.

In order to qualify for special education based on developmental delay, the student must:

- 1. Be at least 3 years of age and less than 10 years of age;
- 2. Be experiencing developmental delays in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. physical development;
 - b. cognitive development;
 - c. communication development;
 - d. social or emotional development; or
 - e. adaptive development; and
- 3. By reason, thereof need special education and related services, as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. 1401(3) 34 CFR 300.111(b) RSA 186-C:2, I and I-a

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Ed 1102.01 and Ed 1107

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