

West Hartford Public School District

Agenda Item: Motion by Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt to Accept Revised Policy 6280--**First Reading**

Meeting Date: February 29, 2012

From: Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt

Through: Karen L. List, Superintendent of Schools

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education accept as a First Reading the following policy which was revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

6280 Special Education

Note: Words in (*italics*) within parentheses are being removed from the current policy and words in **Bold** are being added to the current policy.

Background:

Since these revisions constitute substantial change, they are being brought to the Board as a First Reading.

The Board is in the process of reviewing and revising, where appropriate, all of its policies, section by section. Board Policy Books are divided into 8 sections or series: 1000s Community Relations, 2000s Administration, 3000s Business, 4000s Personnel, 5000s Students, 6000s Instruction, 7000s Board Operations, 8000s Bylaws.

The Board has appointed a sub-committee comprised of Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt to meet regularly with Kimberly Boneham, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Tom Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Administration. The Policy Subcommittee has spent many hours considering its own recommendations, input from Corporation Counsel and the administration, and reviewing certain policies from other districts.

As reviewed and revised policies are approved by the full Board, they are put on the West Hartford Public Schools website.

Lib Brassil Spinella, Bruce Putterman, Terry Schmitt, Tom Moore, Eileen Howley, and Kimberly Boneham will be available to answer any questions.

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WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY 6280

Instruction

Special Education

(The board of education accepts its legal duties and responsibilities for providing special education programs for the students of this school district.

The superintendent of schools is directed to develop a comprehensive plan for compliance with all of the requirements of federal and state law for the education of all individuals with exceptional needs residing in or attending school in this school district.

Policy adopted: May 16, 1988)

The West Hartford Board of Education is committed to providing educational programs and services that support the inclusion of students with special needs in the general education classroom and curriculum; and promotes the collaborative and collective practice between general and special education to improve the learning and achievement of all learners.

The Superintendent of Schools and his/her designee will ensure that the district's delivery of educational services is implemented in accordance within the district's Mission and Model of Continuous Improvement and in compliance with all applicable requirements of federal and state laws.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76a et seq.
Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 1076a-1 et seq.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.
34 C.F.R. §300.1 et seq.

Adopted: May 16, 1988

Revised: