

<b>North Providence School Department Referral and Provision of Special Education Services for Students in Private/Parochial Schools Policy</b>	First Read: 2/4/15 Second Read: 3/4/15 Third Read: 3/25/15

**Policy**

The North Providence School Department is committed to providing supports necessary to assure that all children residing in North Providence have access to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

**Purpose**

The North Providence School Department shall provide special education and related services as required by RI Department of Education Regulations governing the education of children with disabilities and RI general law (as amended from time to time).

The North Providence School Department will conduct child find for all children with disabilities, ages 3-21, enrolled by their parents in private, including religious, schools or facilities that meet the RIDE definition of a school and are residents within the Town of North Providence. These students will have equitable participation in the district's child find process.

Each private school child with a disability is entitled to FAPE as residents of North Providence and the district shall determine eligibility and shall develop an IEP as required by RI General Law (as amended from time to time).

For those private, parochial schools located in North Providence, the district will assure that students with disabilities enrolled in said schools have a service plan that will be developed and implemented in accordance with RI Department of Education regulations governing the education of children with disabilities (as amended from time to time).

For those private, parochial schools located in North Providence, the district will ensure meaningful consultation with schools, including a parent representative, to assure that parentally-placed children with disabilities identified through the child find process can meaningfully participate in special education and related services.