

## **POLICY RELATED TO EDUCATION**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Burrillville School Committee is committed to providing appropriate educational opportunities for all of its students.

The goal of the Burrillville School Department's special education program shall be to allow each child to grow and achieve at his/her own level, to gain independence and self-reliance, and to return to the regular education program as soon as possible.

The requirements of the Federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* as amended in 1997 and the *State of Rhode Island Regulations of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Governing the Special Education of Students with Disabilities* will be followed in the identification of children with special needs, in referrals for their evaluations, in prescribing for them suitable programs, and in assessing their educational progress.

Those who have been identified as students in need of special education services will be educated to the maximum extent possible within the least restrictive environment. Every effort will be made to increase strengths and remediate weaknesses in academic and/or social areas so that the student may return to regular education.

The Burrillville School Department's Office of Special Education, under the auspices of the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, is required to ensure that all requirements are met.

First Reading: 7/18/00

Second Reading: 8/22/00