

EAST QUOGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Policy 4321.7

The Board of Education acknowledges its responsibility to recruit, hire, train and retain highly qualified personnel, as defined in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its accompanying regulations and in Article 89 of New York State Education law and its accompanying regulations, to provide special education programs and services. In addition, the Board of Education is committed to appointing appropriately qualified personnel to the Committee (and subcommittee) on Special Education (CSE) and Committee (and subcommittee) on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).

The Board of Education will fulfill its obligation with regard to special education personnel by taking measurable steps including, but not limited to the following:

1. Actively recruit personnel who possess prior experience working with students with disabilities.
2. Solicit resumes from graduates of institutions of higher education that offer programs in special education.
3. Seek candidates for teaching positions who are dually certified, to the extent possible.
4. Facilitate the participation of every member of the professional staff in annual professional performance reviews and professional development plans.
5. Provide appropriate on-going training and professional development to CSE and CPSE members, and other special education program and service providers to provide an opportunity for continuing awareness of their obligations and responsibilities under the law.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is responsible for documenting that the professional staff is appropriately certified, licensed and trained and that they meet the "highly qualified" standard established in federal and state law. In the event that highly qualified individuals are not available, despite the best efforts of the administration, the Board of Education recognizes its responsibilities to meet the alternative standards established by the State Education Department.

Cross-ref: Policy 4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities *et. seq.*

Ref: Individual with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC §§ 1412(a) (14), 1413(a) (3)
34 CFR §§ 300.156, 300.207
Education Law §4410
8 NYCRR §§ 200.2(b) (3), (12)

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