

## **Special Education Cooperative Organization**

### **Joint Agreement Philosophy**

In order to provide a free appropriate public education for each student with a disability, the North DuPage Special Education Cooperative is committed to the following:

- Assurance of effective policy guaranteeing public awareness of special education programs
- Assurance of “full educational opportunity” goal within a prescribed time frame
- Assurance of extensive 0 – 2 child identification procedures
- A guarantee of complete due process procedures
- Assurance of regular parent/guardian consultation
- Strengthening of programs and procedures with comprehensive personnel development, and inservice training
- Assurance of special education being provided to all students with disabilities in the “least restrictive” environment
- A guarantee of policies and procedures to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information
- Assurance of the maintenance of an individualized program for each student with a disability
- Assurance of an effective policy guaranteeing the right of all students with disabilities to a free, appropriate public education, at no cost to parents or guardian
- Assurance of a surrogate to act for any student when parents or guardians are either unknown or unavailable, or when said student is a legal ward of the state

The final success of the educational program is measured in terms of the accomplishments of the individual student. The objectives of NDSEC shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Foster in the student self-discover, self-awareness and self-discipline, enabling student to realize his or her worth as a human being and to formulate a personal set of values and goals.
- Develop in the student basic skills and concepts necessary to function effectively in a changing world.
- Help the student learn to deal effectively with other people, encouraging in the student a sensitivity to the needs and values of others and a respect for individual and group differences.
- Stimulate curiosity, guiding the student to learn how to seek further knowledge.
- Help the student realize relationships to others through learning about society and society’s laws and how to live in harmony with them.

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