

## SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILDREN

The Area Education Agency (AEA) Division of Special Education will establish a screening and referral process that ensures the early identification of students who require special education, as specified in the *Iowa Rules of Special Education*. This process will be made available to all districts served by this agency.

- a. **Population Served:** All children between the ages of birth and 21 (and to the maximum allowable age, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 281.8) are eligible to be served by this process unless they have previously completed their educational program. However, since the emphasis is on early identification, efforts will be centered on preschool and early elementary populations.
- b. **Models of Service:** The models of service to be used may include, but are not limited to, preschool child find programs, grade-level-specific screening, teacher training and in-service, and an individual referral process available for any child. Procedures for provision of these services will be developed by the AEA Division of Special Education.
- c. **Qualified Personnel:** All identification activities will be conducted and supervised by qualified personnel.
- d. **Validation:** Measures to validate and refine the identification process will be established.
- e. **Referral:** Referral for further evaluation will be arranged for any child who shows problems significant enough to warrant further diagnostic study.
- f. **Records:** Adequate records of the results of identification activities will be maintained.

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