

II. FULL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GOAL

The State Board of Education hereby reaffirms the goal of providing a full educational opportunity to all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21, within the state of Iowa.

The Iowa Rules of Special Education require agencies to provide a full continuum of placements and services to students requiring special education.

To facilitate implementation of the goal, the Iowa Department of Education gathers information from local school districts and other agencies providing services for children with disabilities. This information includes:

- a) number, age, disability, and location of children with disabilities receiving special education services;
- b) number, age, disability, and location of children with disabilities not receiving special education services;
- c) number of personnel employed by public agencies to provide special education services;
- d) number of children with disabilities exiting the educational system; and,
- e) federal, state, and local funds expended for special education and related services.

The state has established an information management system in collaboration with the area education agencies to monitor the implementation of the goal.