

**PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

In keeping with the intention of Massachusetts to offer educational opportunities to all students that will enable them to lead fulfilling and productive lives, the District shall provide appropriate educational opportunities to all resident student in accordance with the requirements of state and federal statutes.

LEGAL REFERENCE:           Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
  M.G.L Ch.71B, et seq.  
  603 C.M.R 28.00 et seq.

SOURCE:                        MASC



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lincoln, Massachusetts

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**PROGRAM AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 and Public Law 94-142 mandate that all public schools in Massachusetts participate in a program which identifies, diagnoses and provides services to all children between the ages of three and twenty-one who are found to have "special needs."

The Lincoln Schools provide diagnostic team evaluations, instruction in small groups in the resource room, speech therapy, counseling, and special support services. Lincoln is a member of the Concord Area Special Education (C.A.S.E.) Collaborative which provides services to low-incidence special needs children.

Counseling, speech therapy and special education services are also available to preschool children, age 3 and up, with special needs. Diagnostic services are available upon request through the school. Screening programs are conducted for all children upon entering Kindergarten. The school social worker interviews parents about the child's developmental history. Speech and language screening is conducted by the speech therapist. Prior to October 1, the classroom teacher and the school nurse conduct further screening in vision, hearing, perceptual and motor skills.

Legal Reference: Ch. 71B, Sec. 1 through Sec 14

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