

Adoption of Written Policies & Procedures

The *Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities* ("Operating Standards") require school districts and community schools to adopt written policies and procedures in a number of different areas. Our district/school has chosen to meet this obligation by (check one of the following options):

 X Adopting the Model Special Education Policies and Procedures prepared by the Ohio Department of Education. We adopted the Model Special Education Policies and Procedures on October 12, 2009.
Date

 Adopting its own written policies and procedures, attached, on _____
Date

Christine E. Zechman
Signature of Superintendent or Designee

10/16/2009
Date

Adoption of Written Policies & Procedures Regarding Determination of a Specific Learning Disability

The Operating Standards specifically permit each school district and community school to choose which process that it will use to determine whether a child has a specific learning disability, and does not require the use of a severe discrepancy model. See OAC Rule 3301-51-06(H)(1). The Operating Standards do, however, require districts/schools to develop written procedures for the implementation of any method used to determine the existence of a specific learning disability which, at a minimum, incorporate guidelines developed by the Ohio Department of Education. OAC Rule 3301-51-06(H)(3)(f).

We have chosen to meet this obligation by (check one of the following options):

 X Using valid, reliable techniques to assess discrepancies between the child's achievement and ability, using a process based on the child's response to scientific, research-based intervention or a combination of these two methods and implementing that method in accordance with guidance set forth in *Procedures and Guidance for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children With Disabilities* at § 6.7, Specific Learning Disabilities.

 Using one, both or a combination of the two methods described above and writing our own written policies and procedures which were adopted on _____
Date

 Using a process based on other alternative research-based procedures which is described in the attached written policy and procedure developed by the district and adopted on _____
Date

Christine E. Zechman
Signature of Superintendent or Designee

10/16/2009
Date