

FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

Policy assures that:

A. Southgate Academy ensures that all children with disabilities aged 3 through 21 (within the age groups authorized by the charter) within its jurisdiction have the right to a free appropriate public education (FAPE), including children with disabilities who are advancing from grade to grade. FAPE shall also be provided to students who have been suspended or expelled from school in accordance with Title 34 Code of Federal Regulations (34 CFR §§ 300.300(a) and 300.121(e)).

DEFINITIONS

The term "free appropriate public education" or FAPE means special education and related services that

- ___ a. Are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge;
- ___ b. Meet the standards of the State education;
- ___ c. Include elementary school or secondary school education; and
- ___ d. Are provided in conformity with an individualized education program (IEP) that meets the requirements of §§300.340-300.350.

Procedures include, but are not limited to:

Free appropriate public education (FAPE) §300.121

1. FAPE will be made available to each child with disabilities who is in need of special education and related services even though the child is advancing from grade to grade, §§300.121 (a) and 300.121(e)(1).
2. Services in accordance with §300.121 will be made available for a child with a disability who has been removed from his or her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons for more than 10 school days.
3. FAPE will be made available to students who have graduated, but have not been awarded a regular high school diploma (§300.122).