

HEARING HANDICAPS: SPECIAL EDUCATION: Title 20-A, Excerpts

§7001. Definitions

2. Exceptional student. "Exceptional student" is an individual who:
 - A. Has reached 5 years of age on or before October 15th;
 - B. Has not reached 20 years of age at the start of the school year; and
 - C. Requires special education because of an impairment in one or more of the following:
 - (2) Hearing Impairments, including deafness;
 - (3) Speech and language impairments;
5. Special education. "Special education" means classroom, home, hospital, institutional or other instructional; educational diagnosis and evaluation; transportation and other supportive assistance, services, activities or programs, as defined by the commissioner, required by exceptional students.

§7201. Policy and purpose

1. Equal educational opportunities. All students shall be provided with equal educational opportunities and all school administrative units shall provide equal educational opportunities for all exceptional students.
2. Least restrictive education alternative. An exceptional student shall be educated with students in regular programs to the maximum extent possible.
3. Deaf exceptional students. An exceptional student diagnosed as deaf shall be educated with regular students whenever possible and shall be educated under the principle of the least restrictive educational alternative as set forth in state laws and rules and federal laws and regulations.