

POLICY #4

HENRY-STARK COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

GRADUATION FOR T.M.H.

At no time should confidential information be given to agencies outside the school without proper releases signed by the parents. The Director of Special Education and/or the chief psychologist are the only ones authorized to release such information. Requests for information should be sent to the Director for processing.

Class Size and Age Range: Special classes for trainable mentally handicapped shall not exceed 10, nor be less than 5. Pupils in TMH classes are grouped according to chronological age with an age range of not more than six years. Preadolescent and adolescent pupils shall be grouped separately.

Classroom Location: Trainable children shall be housed in public schools with normal children of comparable ages, but a separate building may be used provided that:

- A. The building is under the complete control of the school board and houses only public school classes.
- B. The classes are under the supervision of a principal.
- C. The classrooms are of adequate size.
- D. Provisions are made to insure proper handling of critical situations such as illness, accident, etc.

Graduation: Secondary age Trainable Mentally Handicapped students upon completing the program designed for them are entitled to a diploma from their home district.

"An exceptional child who has satisfactorily completed a secondary program and has been assisted in locating further educational and vocational experience as necessary shall be granted a diploma. Both parents and the student shall be made aware that eligibility for the public school special education services is terminated following the granting of a diploma and that the parents may request a review of the recommendation for graduation." (Rules and Regulations 3.03)

The parents or guardians and the student will have the option of requesting a diploma from the home district or the host district operating the program.

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