

MEDWAY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

“SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN POLICY”

NEPN/NSBA CODE:

It is the policy of the Medway School Board to provide all school-age students an equal opportunity. This opportunity entitles each exceptional student to be provided with a free and appropriate public education.

Any student who is defined as an exceptional student shall be entitled to the provision of supportive services as recommended by a Pupil Evaluation Team. Supportive services means special education transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist an exceptional student to benefit from their special education program.

Supportive services includes, but is not limited to, speech pathology, audiology, counseling services, psychological services, physical therapy and occupational therapy, recreation, early identification of exceptional students, medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. The term also includes school health services, social work services in schools, and parent counseling and training. All supportive services shall be provided by appropriately certified or licensed professionals or appropriately supervised support staff.

The purchase or provision of wheelchairs, walkers, personal learning aids, eyeglasses, crutches, personal computers, communication devices or other corrective devices of a personal or medical nature shall not be an allowable special education or supportive service.

The purchase of assistive devices, such as an auditory trainer, of an educational or instructional nature in order to provide educational services are a recognized and allowable supportive service.

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