

POLICY

MAINSTREAMING

The Holmdel Township Board of Education believes that to comply with the spirit of New Jersey law which requires disabled children to be educated in the least restrictive environment possible, the district must encourage positive attitudes toward the disabled in the pupils regularly in attendance in the classes and buildings to which mainstreamed pupils will be assigned.

Therefore the Superintendent is directed to develop positive orientation programs suitable for the pupils in each grade level. These programs should include but not be limited to:

- A. Information about the various forms which a disability may take;
- B. Familiarization with famous persons who have either overcome disabilities or achieved success in spite of disabilities;
- C. An emphasis on what disabled persons can do, rather than what they cannot do; and/or
- D. An effort to create empathy with, rather than sympathy for, the disabled.

Source: Regular Board Meeting

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Legal References: N.J.A.C. 6:28-2.2 Least restrictive environment

