The Transylvania County Board of Education shall provide equal opportunities for students to-participate in school sponsored activities and programs. No discrimination because of race, sex, disabling condition, nationality, or religious affiliation shall be practiced in providing educational opportunities.

Section 504

The Transylvania County Board of Education will identify, evaluate and provide an appropriate public education to students who are disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

I.D.E.A.

The Transylvania County Board of Education, in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (I.D.E.A.), adheres to the legal obligations as adopted by the State Board of Education and/or developed by the Division of Exceptional Children's Services, Department of Public Instruction, and follows the State Board *Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs*.

In applying the least restrictive environment principle, decisions shall be made on the basis of the individual student's educational needs. To the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities shall participate with other students in non-academic, academic, and extra-curricular activities. Special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities from the regular educational environment will occur only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes, even with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

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