

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Policy 5314:01: Autism Mentor

INSTRUCTION

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide qualified service personnel to assist in the education of students with disabilities. Qualified personnel will enhance the educational programs for students with disabilities, meet educational needs more efficiently, and maximize opportunities for success.

LEADERSHIP

The WVDE is mandated through West Virginia Code §18A-4-8 to determine standards for the service personnel class title "Autism Mentor". The establishment of these standards will provide the county school districts consistent parameters for the employment and/or training of Autism Mentors.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Special Education Programs and Assurances will work with the Autism Training Center and LEAs to assist in providing local staff development to implement these standards.

ADMINISTRATION

To implement State legislation, the WVDE has established policy pertaining to qualifications of Autism Mentors. The standards established by the State Board of Education will assure that state requirements are met.

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WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
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POLICY 5314.01

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Autism Mentor

Section 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Scope This policy provides the mandated standards for the service personnel class title "Autism Mentor".
- 1.2 Authority West Virginia Code §18A-4-8 Employment term and class titles of service personnel; definitions.
- 1.3 Filing Date August 25, 1992
- 1.4 Effective Date - September 26, 1992
- 1.5 Replaced Policy None

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for the position of Autism Mentor.

Section 3. Standards and Experience

- 3.1 Meet the qualifications of "Aide III" as delineated in §18A-4-8.
- 3.2 Successful completion of a staff development program related to autism as determined by the State Department of Education.
- 3.3 Two years of successful experience working with autistic students.
- 3.4 Physical ability and stamina necessary to complete all job tasks, including tasks related to ensuring student safety.