

## AP 349 – Student Support Services

### Purpose

The Board is committed to the Ministry of Education philosophy of inclusion, which is founded on the belief that all students are entitled to equitable access to learning, achievement and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of their education.

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools promotes integration as one of the major strategies used to achieve inclusion.

### Procedure

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES MISSION

Supporting Student Diversity

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES VISION

1. With a student-centered focus we advocate for each student's success through respectful support, recognition of individual learning needs and preparation for life-long learning.
2. Through a shared commitment we use our expertise strategically to provide leadership that is proactive, progressive and effective in building success for each student.
3. By building strong relationships with students and each other, we foster inclusion through belonging, hope and pride.
4. Through collaborative teamwork we are resourceful, informed and innovative as we align our practices to support student learning.

Student Support Services in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will strive to meet or exceed "Service Delivery" as per the guidelines established in the Ministry of Education publication "Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines"<sup>1</sup>.

As Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools promotes integration as one of the major strategies used to achieve inclusion, it should be noted that with integration, students who have special needs are included in educational settings with their peers who do not have special needs and provided with accommodations determined on an individual basis to enable them to be

successful there. The principle of "placement in the most enabling learning environment" applies when decisions are made about the extent to which an individual student is placed in regular classrooms, or assigned to a specialized learning alternative.

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<sup>1</sup>*Special Education Services, A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. Ministry of Education. Ministry of Education PO Box 9159, Stn Prov Govt. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. V8W 9H3*