

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Policy for Senior (12th Grade) Students with Disabilities Served in Self-Contained
Classrooms to Participate in Senior Activities

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), as amended, 29 U.S.C. §794 and its implementing regulation, 34 C.F.R. Part 104, prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability by recipients of Federal financial assistance; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II), 42 U.S.C. §§12131 et seq., and its implementing regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 35, prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities.

Any Exceptional Student Education (ESE) student enrolled in a self-contained classroom identified as a senior (12th grade), will be provided the same opportunities as a non-disabled senior (12th grade) student, to participate in all senior activities. Senior activities may include, but are not limited to, senior portraits, senior prom, Grad Night, senior class meetings, senior picnics, and senior field days. Information regarding senior activities will be provided to ESE students in self-contained classrooms and their parents or guardian through a written calendar within four weeks of the beginning of each school year. This will afford senior (12th grade) students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in such activities.

ESE students enrolled in a self-contained classroom identified as a senior (12th grade) will be provided the opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony one time during their high school enrollment, the same opportunity afforded to non-disabled senior (12th grade) students.

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Procedures For Senior (12th Grade) Students with Disabilities Served in Self-Contained Classrooms to Participate in Senior Activities.

An Excel spreadsheet of senior activities for self-contained senior (12th grade) students will be completed at each high school.

- The spreadsheet will be kept in a shared folder at each high school.
- The spreadsheet will be accessible to the Resource Compliance Specialist (RCS) and senior class sponsor.
- The RCS will be responsible for the entering and updating of all data on the spreadsheet.
- This spreadsheet will document the activity, the student's participation in the activity and an explanation if the student did not participate in the activity.
- Within four weeks of the beginning of each school year, the RCS and self-contained Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classroom teacher(s) will meet with the senior class sponsor to:
 - Identify self-contained ESE senior (12th grade) students.
 - Identify all senior class activities.
 - Create a calendar of senior class activities.
- Within four weeks of the beginning of each school year, the RCS/ESE teacher will send home with each self-contained senior ESE student (12th grade) two copies of the senior class activities calendar to ensure that each student is given the same opportunity as similarly situated non-disabled senior students to participate in all senior activities. The parent will be notified to keep one copy for their records and sign and return one copy to the school. This senior activities calendar affords self-contained senior students (12th grade) with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in such activities.
- Within four weeks of the beginning of each school year, the RCS will submit a written report to the Coordinator of ESE to include the names of the identified self-contained senior ESE (12th grade) students and a copy of the senior class activities calendars signed by each parent.
- The RCS will be responsible for maintaining the spreadsheet on the school's shared folder. The RCS will forward a copy of the spreadsheet to the Coordinator of ESE quarterly.
- The RCS will provide a completed copy of the spreadsheet to Coordinator of ESE no later than June 1 of each school year.

Notice of Policies/Procedures

1. These policies and procedures will be published in the district's principal handbook.
2. These policies and procedures will be published in each high school student handbook.
3. These policies and procedures will be published on the District's ESE and 504 website