Title: Michigan Special Education Law

Course #: EDA 7810

Section: 20267

Term: Winter

Year: 2014

Location: College of Education Room 370

Day: Thursday

Time: 5:00 PM to 8:40 PM

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Course Description:
Implications of statutes and regulations that are foundational to the education of students with disabilities; the role of the educator in implementing, monitoring, and influencing state and federal mandates in the administration of special education programs and services.

Course Outcomes:
1. To understand the structure of the judicial system and the ramifications of that system on special education programs.
2. To develop an awareness of legal resources and sources of information.
3. To gain knowledge of specific laws affecting the education of the disabled in education today. (IDEIA, NCLB, Michigan Administrative Rules, Michigan School Code).
4. To develop the ability to administer special education programs with a greater understanding of the law based on an analysis of court decisions and existing law.
5. To have a greater understanding of IDEIA '04, its authorization and implications for the education of disabled individuals.
Required Text(s)
1. Revised Michigan School Code (Internet source: Michiganlegislature.org
   (http://www.cenmi.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/RuleswithRegs_10-2-
   13.pdf)

   The rules are only available in electronic format. No printed copies are available. The Office of Special Education has updated the document to provide a side-by-side comparison of the Michigan rules and federal regulations.

Additional References:
1. Michigan Compiled Laws, Legal Editing and Law Publication Division, Legislative Services bureau, Lansing, Michigan. (Internet source: MichiganLegislative.org)
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Grading:

Attendance..................................................................................................................10 points
Attendance will be graded by timelines of arrival and presence for the entire class.

Participation in Class/Professional Commitment......................................................20 points
Participation means moving discussion forward in a positive manner and contributing to
the overall learning of the group.

Assignments...........................................................................................................50 points

Final Exam..................................................................................................................20 points

Grading
A = 95-100 points  
A- = 90-94 points  
B+ = 87-89 points  
B = 84-86 points  
B- = 80-83 points  
C+ = 77-79 points  
C = 74-76 points  
C- = 70-73 points
Class Etiquette:
Courtesy and respect for others is an expectation. While we may not always agree with the opinions of others, we will respect the opinion of others. This includes not monopolizing class conversations. Everyone should be allowed to speak.

Class Policies
All class policies as outlined in the current WSU Graduate bulletin will be followed. It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with these policies.

1. Readings and other homework assignments are to be completed on time.
2. Cell phones are to be muted or turned off during class. Children are not permitted to attend class.
3. All written work must:
   b. Be printed or computer generated using 12 point font size
   c. Use page numbers on all documents
   d. Use WSU Graduate School format for cover page of all documents.
4. Should you be absent from class it is the responsibility of the student to arrange for someone in the class to take notes and collect any handouts that may be provided.

Plagiarism:
Plagiarism includes copying material (any more than 5 consecutive words) from outside texts or presenting outside information as if it were your own by not crediting authors through citations. It can be deliberate or unintended. If you're in doubt about the use of a source, cite it. Students caught plagiarizing information from other sources will receive a failing grade in the course. University policy states that students can be subject to multiple sanctions, from reprimand to expulsion as a consequence of academic dishonesty. To enforce this policy, all outside references must be submitted with assignments.
Withdrawal Policy
- Students who withdraw from a course after the end of the 4th week of class will receive a grade of WP, WF, or WN.
  o WP will be awarded if the student is passing the course (based on work due to date) at the time the withdrawal is requested
  o WF will be awarded if the student is failing the course (based on work due to date) at the time the withdrawal is requested
  o WN will be awarded if no materials have been submitted, and so there is no basis for a grade
- Students must submit their withdrawal request on-line through Pipeline. The faculty member must approve the withdrawal request before it becomes final, and students should continue to attend class until they receive notification via email that the withdrawal has been approved. Withdrawals can be requested at any point from the fifth week of class through the study day.

Attention Students with Disabilities:
If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services (SDS) for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365 (TDD only). Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs. Student Disability Services’ mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University.

Please be aware that a delay in getting SDS accommodation letters for the current semester may hinder the availability or facilitation of those accommodations in a timely manner. Therefore, it is in your best interest to get your accommodation letters as early in the semester as possible.

Religious Observance Policy:
Because of the extraordinary variety of religious affiliations represented in the University student body and staff, the Wayne State University calendar makes no provision for religious holidays. It is University policy, however, to respect the faith and religious obligations of the individual. Students who find that their classes or examinations involve conflicts with their religious observances are expected to notify their instructors well in advance so that alternative arrangements as suitable as possible may be worked out.