

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Rule Title	Effective Date
4.23	Educational Opportunity for Students with Disabilities	March 25, 2024

I. Purpose

This rule expresses the District Board of Trustees' policies with regard to the provision of educational opportunities for students with documented disabilities and ensures compliance with applicable state and federal laws and rules.

II. Definitions

The term "disabled" (as used in this rule) refers to any Polk State College student with a disabling condition or disability (as defined in applicable state and federal laws and rules) who meets the academic and non-academic admissions criteria requisite for admission to the College.

III. Policy

The Board ensures that Polk State provides educational opportunities for qualified disabled persons. The College facilitates reasonable accommodations, while maintaining the fundamental nature and quality of its education programs, in accordance with Polk State College Procedures 5008: Accommodation for Students with Disabilities, 6066: Substitutions and Waivers Committee (for determining course substitutions), and 6036: Course Substitution.

IV. Implementation of Procedures

The College:

- A. Provides appropriate notice of its policies and procedures to affected persons.
- B. Collects the documentation necessary to verify the specific disability and request accommodation(s).
- C. Identifies services provided in relation to each specific disability.
- D. Collaborates with other organizations and agencies.
- E. Places limitations on the services available, as appropriate.
- F. Maintains responsibility for related records and reports.

The College retains the right to require additional testing, if needed, to establish the student's need for modification within a given instructional program. The cost of obtaining this documentation is the student's responsibility.

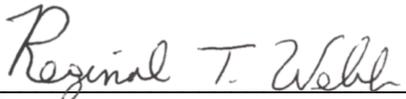
V. Appeals

A student with disabilities who feels that the College has not met his or her needs appropriately may appeal using the process described in District Board of Trustees Rule 4.26: *Student Appeal/Complaint Policy*.

History

Adopted: January 25, 1988; substantial rewrite October 28, 1991 (formerly called *Substitutions or Admissions/Graduation Requirements for Disabled Students*).
Revised: April 26, 1999; October 23, 2006; March 26, 2012; December 2, 2019; and March 25, 2024.

State Statute(s): FS 1007.264; FS 1001.64
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