

# **DELANCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

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## **DISAFFECTED PUPILS**

The Board of Education believes that the educational needs of all pupils should be served. The Board will make every reasonable effort to identify and serve disaffected pupils whose learning is impeded by environmental circumstances, the pupil's attitude, or an inappropriate instructional program.

For the purpose of this policy, "disaffected pupil" means the pupil who has instructional needs met by the regular instructional program and who is performing well below his or her social or academic capacity.

A disaffected pupil may be a pupil unable to function properly within a traditional school program; a pupil of average or above average intelligence and ability who achieves below his or her potential; a pupil unable to establish occupational or future goals; a pupil with a pattern of behavior problems, including problems with attendance and tardiness; a pupil who lacks motivation, direction, and decision making ability. a pupil who possesses a poor self-image; a pupil suffering a stressful family setting; a pupil hostile toward adults and authority figures. A pupil in difficulty with community and law enforcement agencies; or a pupil lacking interest in school and avoiding involvement in school activities.

Teaching staff members shall be alert to pupils experiencing difficulty in their classes. Any such pupil who does not appear to be disabled may be referred to the pupil assistance committee.

A disaffected pupil who may be disabled shall be referred to the Child Study Team for evaluation in accordance with Policies and Regulations No. 2460.3 and 2460.7

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