



Special educational needs and disabilities policy (SEND)

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Committee responsible for policy: Board of Governance

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1. General statement

This Special educational needs policy has been approved by the Board of Directors of The Ridge Employability College.

The college believes that every learner has an entitlement to develop their full potential. Educational experiences are provided which develop learners' achievements and recognise their individuality. Diversity is valued as a rich resource, which supports the learning of all. At The Ridge Employability College, we recognise a young person's right to a broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum, which is appropriate to their individual abilities, talents and personal qualities.

2. Aims

The college aims to:

- Help learners develop their personalities, skills and abilities.
- Provide appropriate teaching which makes learning challenging and enjoyable.
- Provide equality of educational opportunity

3. Objectives

- Ensure implementation of government and LEA SEN recommendations.
- Ensure the College's SEN policy is implemented consistently by all staff.
- Ensure any discrimination or prejudice is eradicated.
- Identify barriers to learning and participation, and provide appropriate support to meet a diversity of needs.
- Ensure all learners have access to an appropriately differentiated curriculum.
- Recognise, value and celebrate learners' achievements, however small.
- Work in partnership with parents/carers in supporting their learner's education.
- Guide and support all college staff and parents in SEN issues.
- To meet the individual needs of the young people of our college community irrespective of any physical, sensory, emotional, behavioural, specific or general learning needs. In particular, to be aware of the standards of achievement of individual learners in reaching their educational needs.
- To promote continuity of approach through step-by-step attention to individual needs.
- To provide appropriate resources within the college's budget, both staffing and resources.
- To ensure the learner is aware that his or her wishes will be taken into account as part of the college process and of the shared responsibility in meeting his or her educational needs.
- To involve parents at an early stage, to develop a good relationship working together for the benefit of the learner.

4. Definition of SEN

A person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty, which calls for special educational provision to be made for her or him.

A young person has a learning difficulty if he or she:

Has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for young people of the same age in colleges within the area of the local education authority. In addition, we identify special educational needs within the context of the established differentiated curriculum within the college.

Young Adults are eligible if subject to an EHCP.

The Ridge College:

- Sets suitable learning challenges
- Responds to learners' diverse learning needs
- Overcomes potential barriers to learning

5. Co-ordinating and managing provision

The Head of college is responsible for:

- The day-to-day operation of the College's SEN policy;
- Liaising with and advising teachers, curriculum leads and support staff;
- Coordinating with the Curriculum Lead in managing the provision for all learners;
- Overseeing the records of all learners;
- Maintaining the register, action taken and outcomes;
- Liaising with external agencies including support agencies, medical and social services and voluntary bodies;
- Contributing to INSET training for all staff;
- Attending (in the absence of the Head of college, the Curriculum Lead) review meetings of learners where appropriate.
- Managing Learning Support Assistants with tasks specific to SEN.
- Overseeing the working relationship between staff and parents of learners.

6. Admission Arrangements

Our admission arrangements have been agreed by LA and are in accordance with government directives.

The policy needs to be read and implemented in conjunction with our **Equality Policy** our **Accessibility Policy** and our **Admissions Policy**.