

# **RESPONSIVEED - TEXAS BOARD POLICY MANUAL**

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## **Sec. 1. PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**

Texas Works must provide a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) in the least restrictive environment to preschool-aged students even if Texas Works does not provide free preschool programs to all preschool-aged children. (34 C.F.R. §§300.101(a)-(b) and §300.116)

Texas Works may provide opportunities for the participation of the preschool students with disabilities in other preschool programs operated by public agencies or by locating classes for preschool students with disabilities in regular elementary schools. However, Texas Works is not required to initiate preschool programs or to establish extensive contact programs with private schools which serve both students with disabilities and students without disabilities solely to satisfy the requirements regarding placement in the least restrictive environment. (OSEP Policy Memo 89-23; 34 C.F.R. §300.102(a))