



**State of Tennessee  
Department of Children's Services**

**Administrative Policies and Procedures: 21.13-DOE**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Special Education Placement</b>
<b>Authority:</b>	TCA 37-5-106,
<b>Standards:</b>	ACA 2-9335, 2-9339, 2-9344
<b>Application:</b>	To All Superintendents, Youth Service Managers of Treatment, Principals, Education Personnel, Classification Personnel, and Program Staffing Team Members.

**Policy Statement:**

Following the determination by appropriate personnel that a youth is eligible for special education services, the youth's program staffing team shall place the youth in the least restrictive program environment that will meet the youth's specific special education and related service needs.

**Procedures:**

<b>A.</b>	The M-team will determine whether the youth can receive an education in the regular educational environment of the DCS School or in public school and will state in the IEP whether the special education needs can be met in the regular program, an alternate program, or a combination of the two. This determination must be made on an individual basis.
<b>B.</b>	The youth's placement will be consistent with <u>Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards</u> .
<b>C.</b>	Each Department of Children's Services facility shall maintain a census of all eligible youths and the service they receive and regularly submit the information to the Director of Education.

<b>Forms:</b>	None
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**(Note: This Policy Cannot Be Revised Without Prior Permission of Chancery Court, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee.)**