

Polk State College District Board of Trustees Rule

Rule Number	Subject	Rule Making Authority	Statutory Reference	SBE Rule Reference	Effective Date
4.23	Educational Opportunity for Students with Disabilities	FS 1000.05	FS 1007.25 FS 1008.29 FS 1008.30	6H-1.041	3/26/12

- I. **Purpose.** The purpose of this rule is to express the policy of the Board with regard to provision of educational opportunity for students with documented disabilities and to insure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and rules on this matter.

- II. **Definitions.**
 - A. The term “disabled” is used in this rule to include individuals who have a disabling condition and/or disability as defined in applicable state and federal laws and rules who are students at Polk State College.

 - B. A disabled student is one who meets the academic and non-academic admissions criteria requisite for admission to the college.

- III. **The policy of the Board** is to insure the provision of educational opportunity for qualified disabled persons and to facilitate appropriate accommodations while maintaining the fundamental nature and quality of college education programs.

- IV. **Implementation Procedures.** The procedures will provide for the following:
 - A. Appropriate notice to affected persons of the policy and procedure.

 - B. Collection of documentation necessary to verify a specific disability and request accommodation (s).

 - C. Identification of services provided in relation to a specific disability.

 - D. Relationships with other organizations and agencies.

 - E. Limitations on services available.

F. Responsibility for records and reports.

The college retains the right to require its own additional testing, if needed, to establish the student's need for modification to the instructional program. The cost of obtaining documentation is the responsibility of the student.

- V. **Appeals.** Students with disabilities who feel the college has not met their needs appropriately may appeal as expressed in District Board of Trustees Rule 4.26.

History

Adopted: January 25, 1988; substantial rewrite October 28, 1991 (formerly called Substitutions or Admissions/Graduation Requirements for Disabled Students).

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