

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Date: May 25, 2004
To: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
From: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent
Subject: **DELETION OF POLICIES 6164.7 AND 6164.6**
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education will delete Policies 6164.7 and 6164.6 as indicated on the attached exhibit.

The Board Ad Hoc Committee received a presentation regarding the recommendation on April 29, 2004. The Citizens' Advisory Council for Special Education has also endorsed these deletions.

Both policies were adopted on November 21, 1968, and have not been revised since that time. It is very important to note that the deletion of these policies in no way implies or involves any change in the level or quality of hearing and speech services to our students. In fact, these services are guaranteed in other more current BCPS policy and/or in federal and/or state laws, making policies 6164.6 and 6164.7 redundant and unnecessary, as well as outdated.

Related services such as speech, language, hearing and audiology services are guaranteed in federal law (IDEA 34CFR, Section 300.26 (a)(2)(i)). In terms of policy 6164.7, Hearing procedures regarding hearing screening are currently in BCPS policy 5240 Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, revised July 12, 1984 and rule 5420, revised February 12, 2002. Audiology services to students are also guaranteed by law as per COMAR 13A.05.01.03.B(6.), and 13A.05.01.03.B(58), and IDEA 20 USC §1401 (21), (also 34 CFR, Section 300.24(b)(1)).

In terms of Policy 6164.6 Speech, speech language services are guaranteed to children with disabilities under COMAR 13A.05.01.03.B(67), and IDEA 20 USC §1401 (21), (also in 34 CFR, Section 300.24(b)(14)).

Copies of the BCPS Policy, and state and federal laws are included for the convenience of Board members.

Appendix I – Policy 6164.6
Appendix II – Policy 6164.7

Instruction

Speech

Speech therapy shall be available for all school age children from grades one through twelve. There shall be no charge for this service.

Seven kinds of speech defects shall be dealt with:

1. Defects of articulation
2. Defects of voice
3. Stuttering
4. Retarded speech development
5. Speech defects associated with cleft palate and Cerebral palsy
6. Speech defects associated with impaired hearing
7. Defects of language development

The administration is authorized to institute such means as are needed to put this policy into effect.

Legal Reference: Ann. Code of Pub. Gen. Laws of Md. Art. 77-Pub. Ed.
 §138. Examination for defects of sight, hearing, etc.;
 classes for defective children
 §141. Directions for test of sight and hearing

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Instruction

Hearing

A screening program shall be established by the Board of Education to reduce the number of children who enter school with undiscovered hearing problems. Hearing tests for entering first grade pupils shall be scheduled and administered by audiometrists from the Baltimore County Department of Health.

Additional hearing surveys of older students shall be conducted by qualified personnel at regular intervals.

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 §141 Directions for test of sight and hearing

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