PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED STUDENTS IN SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS INCLUDING EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

It is the policy of the Sharon Springs Central School District Board of Education to ensure that students with disabilities residing in the school district have the opportunity to participate in school district programs, including extra-curricular programs and activities, which are available to all other students enrolled in the school district.

The following procedures shall be followed to ensure enforcement of this policy:

1. Every student shall be informed of the availability of extra-curricular programs and activities and his/her eligibility to participate by a teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator of the school district.

2. The parents or guardians of students with disabilities will be advised of the Board of Education=s inclusion policy at the initial placement meeting and/or annual review by the Committee on Special Education.

3. The school district will ensure that extra-curricular programs and activities are accessible to students with disabilities and will make appropriate individual modifications. This may include scheduling and transportation arrangements, so that a student will not be excluded because of the presence of a disability.