

FILE: EDCB

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**POLICY TITLE: PURCHASE AND/OR USE
OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
FOR STUDENTS/STAFF
WITH DISABILITIES**

The Medford Area Public School District shall not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities and will provide such individuals reasonable accommodations as may be required under such laws as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (504); the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Reasonable accommodations may from time-to-time require the purchase of capital equipment such as lap-top computers, special audio-visual equipment, special wheel chairs or desks; and/or other capital items for use by students and/or staff. The decision to purchase such equipment which should be based on Individual Educational Plans (IEP's), 504 staffing, recommendations of the school nurse, or recommendations of administration shall be made by the supervisor of special education and/or the director of student services with the approval of the district administrator or his/her designee.

These items, if purchased solely by the Medford Area Public School District are the property of the district and shall remain the property of the district after the student(s) or staff member(s) leaves or no longer requires the equipment.

CROSS REFERENCE: EDCB-R

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 504, IDEA, and ADA

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When it is determined that an item of capital equipment is necessary in order to provide a reasonable accommodation for a student or staff member, an agreement for the use of the equipment shall be drawn up and shall include items such as:

1. The reason for obtaining the equipment
2. The party(s) responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the equipment (i.e. school, parents, grant, shared cost, etc.)
3. When the equipment will be purchased.
4. Where the equipment will be located (i.e. building, classroom, bus, etc.)
5. When the equipment will be available to the student or staff member (*May the student or staff member take the equipment home or is it solely for in-school use? Will it be needed the whole day or only for certain classes?*)
6. The estimated length of time the student or staff member will need the equipment (*quarter, semester, school year, etc.*).
7. The school staff member who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the equipment.

CROSS REFERENCE:
LEGAL REFERENCE: