



Australian Disability Standards for Education – a summary

Ref <https://www.education.gov.au/search/site/Disability%20standards%20in%20education>

This summary of the main points was prepared by AFA in 2019 from the above site.

Disability Discrimination Act of 1992 (DDA)

The Australian Government supports the right of children with disability to have the same educational opportunities as other children. This concept is reflected in the DDA. All state and territory education providers, including government and non-government schools, must comply with the DDA and the relevant disability discrimination legislation of their state or territory. All education providers must also comply with the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

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These standards clarify the obligations of all education providers in Australia and are reviewed every 5 years. These standards must comply with (and are based on) the Disability Discrimination Act of 1992 (DDA). They override any State or Territory legislation.

The *curriculum* is what schools teach. The Disability Standards for Education 2005 apply to all areas of the curriculum.

Students with disability have the right to access the curriculum on the same basis as other students. This includes the right to be assessed fairly on what they have learnt.