

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE ENROLLMENT CAP AT SOUTHSIDE OCCUPATIONAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

The increase of the enrollment cap at Southside Occupational Academy High School located at 7342 S. Hoyne Avenue effective July 1, 2009.

DESCRIPTION:

This increase is necessary due to the need to place additional students with disabilities who are transitioning from their sophomore year into Southside Occupational Academy High School, a school which provides specialized programmatic services within a facility containing non-standard spaces. Currently, within the District there are not any other available seats for these transitioning sophomores. Given these factors, the Office of High School Programs recommends that the enrollment of students with disabilities should be capped at 200. Southside Occupational serves students with disabilities starting at their third year of high school. They have a current enrollment of 173 students. Additional students may be placed by the Office of Specialized Services (OSS), the Area Office or the School Principal, pursuant to a student's IEP and subject to approval by the OSS, until the school's enrollment reaches 200 students.

LSC REVIEW:

Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL:

No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools because the school is already staffed and equipped for over 200 students.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Any need for staff reduction or increases will be assessed annually by the Office of High School Programs and will be made in accordance with applicable Board policies and collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

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Within Appropriation:

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