**Section 226.720 Facilities and Classes**

a) Facilities of school districts, special education cooperatives, or joint agreements used for special education services shall be appropriate to, and adequate for, the specific programs or services for which they are used and, pursuant to Section 14-8.01 of the School Code, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 180 (Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools). The facilities shall be comparable to those provided to the students in the general education environment. The facilities of special education providers under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/14-7.02] are governed by 23 Ill. Adm. Code 401.

b) The age range of students within a special education grouping shall not exceed four years at the elementary level and six years at the secondary level. Early childhood classes and services shall serve only children from three through five years of age.

c) Special education classes and services shall be delivered in age-appropriate settings.

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