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Proposed regulations governing the operation of special education programs for handicapped children enrolled or eligible for enrollment in Bureau of Indian Affairs schools were published September 29 in the Federal Register, Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Thomas Fredericks said today.

The proposed regulations are meant to combine in a single document all of the Federal requirements directly addressed to the identification and provision of educational services to handicapped children.

The purpose of the regulations is to establish a single comprehensive set of standards for ensuring that all handicapped children enrolled in BIA operated and/or funded schools are provided a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive educational environment appropriate to their nerds, consistent with their rights and related procedural safeguards.

Comments on the regulations should be sent within sixty days of publication to Earl Barlow, Director of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20240. For further information contact Charles Cordova at the above address on 202/343-4071.