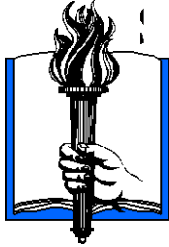


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| Guidelines for Placement in the Behavioral Emotional Social Teaching (BEST) Program | AD STU17 | 5/92 |
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1 The Behavioral Emotional Social Teaching (BEST) program is a Tier 5 special education
 2 placement for students whose behavior limits successful participation in less restrictive general
 3 education settings. The BEST program incorporates current best practices (functional behavior
 4 assessment, function-based intervention plans, positive behavior supports, direct social skill
 5 instruction, etc.) to remediate deficits in behavior and social/emotional learning. Students who
 6 participate in the BEST program have received Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 behavioral and
 social/emotional interventions without the expected change in school behavior.

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 9 The goal of the BEST program is to re-integrate students into the general education setting with
 10 Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions. For some students, however, the BEST program may be the least
 11 restrictive educational setting in which they can experience a successful school experience.
 12 Students in the BEST program are entitled to all the safeguards afforded special education
 13 students since placement must occur through an IEP decision.

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