

Instruction

BP 6142.2

World/Foreign Language Instruction

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages in addition to English.

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. He/she shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course during grades 9-12 in a world language or American Sign Language.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

In order to encourage higher levels of language proficiency throughout a student's education, the district may offer age-appropriate language programs in elementary schools. Beginning in the primary grades, the district may deliver language studies through a two-way immersion program in which instruction is delivered in both English

and another language to both English-only students and English learners.

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall also be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the community to enhance the world language instructional program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1- Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee may provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the district's world language program which may include, but not be limited to, a description of the district's curriculum and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, student achievement of district standards for world language instruction, and student participation rates in each language course. Program evaluation shall be used to identify needed improvements and may be considered in determining the languages to be taught in the district.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-311 Education for English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of foreign language

51212 Legislative intent to encourage foreign language instruction in grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

60117-60119 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program Act

60605.3 Content standards for foreign language instruction

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private

school

11309 English immersion programs, parental exception waivers

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, adopted January 7, 2009

Foreign Language Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS

Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education, Second Edition, 2007

COLLEGE BOARD PUBLICATIONS

A Challenge to Change: The Language Learning Continuum, 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: <http://www.actfl.org>

California Association of Bilingual Education: <http://www.bilingualeducation.org>

California Department of Education, Foreign Language: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl>

California Foreign Language Project: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP>

California Language Teachers' Association: <http://www.clta.net>

Center for Applied Linguistics: <http://www.cal.org>

College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.co>

University of California, a-g Course Approval: <http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag>

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Content of Instruction

The district's instructional program for world languages shall be designed to help students gain knowledge about new language systems and use that knowledge to communicate. Students shall receive instruction which is aligned with state academic standards appropriate to their age and stage of linguistic and cultural proficiency in the following five categories:

1. **Content:** Students shall be presented with a wide variety of content that is age and stage appropriate and increases in complexity.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

2. **Communication:** Students shall be taught to effectively convey and receive messages by engaging in or interpreting written, spoken, and/or signed languages.
3. **Cultures:** Students shall receive instruction that allows them to make connections and comparisons between language and culture.

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

4. **Structures:** The curriculum shall address components of grammar, syntax, and language patterns appropriate to the language being taught.
5. **Settings:** To help students comprehend meaning and use language that is culturally appropriate, students shall develop knowledge of the context or setting in which language is used, such as common daily settings, interpersonal settings, and informal and formal settings.

Two-Way Immersion Programs

The district may establish two-way immersion programs based on either or both of the following models:

1. A 50:50 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language for 50 percent of the time and in English for 50 percent of the time, throughout the duration of the program.
2. A 90:10 model in which instruction is provided in the non-English target language

for 90 percent of the time and in English for 10 percent of the time during the first two years of the program, decreasing the percentage of time in the non-English language in each subsequent year until there is a 50:50 balance of languages.

Admission to a dual immersion program after Kindergarten occurs only occasionally and is dependent on available space and an evaluation by the school and an agreement that parents will provide additional support.

In enrolling students for the program, the district shall strive to maintain a ratio of half English speakers and half non-English speakers and such ratio shall not fall below one-third for either language group except under exceptional circumstances. Wow – could this ever be used to direct Edison to enroll only one-third Spanish speakers? At one-third Spanish speakers, it would become much more like a foreign language immersion program.

In order for a limited-English-proficient student to participate in a two-way immersion program, his/her parent/guardian shall annually submit a request for a parental exception waiver pursuant to Education Code 310-311 and 5 CCR 11309.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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BP 6145(a)

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development and experiences of students. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

No extracurricular or co curricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately and no district student's participation in extracurricular and co curricular activities shall be required or refused based on the student's gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability. Requirements for participation in extracurricular and co curricular activities shall be limited to those that are essential to the success of the activity. (5 CCR 4925)

Each student with a disability shall have an equal opportunity to participate with his or her non-disabled peers in extracurricular and cocurricular activities. The District shall provide such supplementary aids and services, assistive technology, and related services to afford that student an equal opportunity to participate in those nonacademic and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate. The individualized education program for each individual shall include a statement of the program supports that will be provided to enable the student to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Before a principal of any school approve a field trip or grade-level outing, the principal shall ensure that students with disabilities at that grade level (including those in intensive services and multi-grade level classes) have been invited to participate and that the IEP team has addressed the need for supplementary aids and services, assistive technology, and related services.

Any complaint regarding the district's extracurricular and co curricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

No student shall be prohibited from participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program because of inability to pay fees associated with the activity or the ability of parents to provide supervision unless otherwise stipulated.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period including but not limited to: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. Maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period of not more than one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the necessary assistance to help ineligible students achieve the academic standards required by law.

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 Public meetings

35160.5 District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation 35179

Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia

48930-48938 Student organizations

56033.5 Supplemental aids and services

560345 Individualized education program; contents

56345.2 Nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities

56364.2 Special classes for pupils with similar and more intensive educational needs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

350 Fees not permitted

3051.15 Recreation services

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1414 Evaluations, eligibility determinations, individualized education programs, and educational placements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

15b.23 Educational setting

15b.26 Nonacademic services

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.34 Educational setting

104.37 Nonacademic services

300.34 Related services

300.42 Supplementary aids and services

300.105 Assistive technology

300.107 Nonacademic services

300.117 Nonacademic settings

300.320 Definition of individualized education program

COURT DECISIONS

Hartzell v. Connell, (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 899

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

001.90 *Access to School-Related Activities and Events by Disabled Students, LO: 3-0*

409.87 *Requirements for Pupil Participation in Extracurricular and Cocurricular activities, AB 2613,*

CIL: 86/87-11

WEB SITES

California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>

MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Santa Monica, California

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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Definitions

Extracurricular activities are those programs that have all of the following characteristics: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
2. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
3. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning or control of the program.
4. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.

Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit and do not take place during classroom time. (Education Code 35160.5)

Cocurricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom. (Education Code 35160.5)

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements

The grade point average used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. (Education Code 35160.5)

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in the upcoming school year, or when he/she is subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and his/her parents/guardians. The principal shall also consult with the student's teacher(s) in deciding on a program of remediation to improve the student's academic progress.

Regulation approved:

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Santa Monica, California

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Board of Education ~~desires~~ shall ensure that the District to provide educational alternatives that afford students with disabilities full educational opportunities. Students with disabilities shall receive a free appropriate public education and be placed in the least restrictive environment which meets their needs to the extent provided by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations regarding the appointment of the individualized education program (IEP) team, the contents of the IEP, and the development, review, and revision of the IEP.

To the extent permitted by federal law, a foster parent shall have the same rights relative to his/her foster child's IEP as a parent/guardian. (Education Code 56055)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51225.3 Requirements for high school graduation and diploma

56055 Rights of foster parents pertaining to foster child's education

56136 Guidelines for low incidence disabilities areas

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56321 Development or revision of IEP

56321.5 Notice to include right to electronically record

56340.1-56347 Instructional planning and individualized education program

56350-56352 IEP for visually impaired students

56380 IEP reviews; notice of right to request

56390-56392 Certificate of completion, special education

56500-56509 Procedural safeguards

60640-60649 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

60850 High school exit examination, students with disabilities

60852.3 High school exit examination, exemption for the class of 2006

FAMILY CODE

6500-6502 Age of majority

GOVERNMENT CODE

7572.5 Seriously emotionally disturbed child, expanded IEP team

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Children subject to jurisdiction

601 Minors habitually disobedient

602 Minors Violating law defined as crime

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

853-853.5 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, accommodations

1215.5-1218 High School Exit Examination, accommodations for students with disabilities

3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment

3040-3043 Instructional planning and the individualized education program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. TITLE 34

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

COURT DECISIONS

Schaffer v. Weast (2005) 125 S. Ct. 528

Shapiro v. Paradise Valley Unified School District, No. 69 (9th Circuit, 2003) 317 F.3d 1072

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

85 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 157 (2002)

Management Resources:

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Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845

WEB SITES

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica, California

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Members of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team

The district shall ensure that the individualized education program team for any student with a disability includes the following members: (20 USC 1414(d)(1); 34 CFR 300.321; Education Code 56341, 56341.2, 56341.5)

1. One or both of the student's parents/guardians, and/or a representative selected by the parent/guardian
2. If the student is or may be participating in the ~~regular~~ general education program, at least one ~~regular~~ general education teacher who provides the instructional services to the student

If more than one ~~regular~~ general education teacher is providing instructional services to the student, the district may designate one such teacher to represent the others.

3. At least one special education teacher of the student or, where appropriate, at least one special education provider for the student.
4. A representative of the district who is:
 - a. Qualified to provide or supervise the provision of specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities
 - b. Knowledgeable about the general education curriculum
 - c. Knowledgeable about the availability of district and/or special education local plan area (SELPA) resources
 - d. Knowledgeable about the continuum of placements.

5. An individual who can interpret the instructional implications of assessment results

This individual may already be a member of the team as described in items #2-4 above or in item #6 below.

6. At the discretion of the parent/guardian or district, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel, as appropriate.

The determination of whether the individual has knowledge or special expertise regarding the student shall be made by the party who invites the individual to be a member of the IEP team. (Education Code 56341)

7. Whenever appropriate, the student with a disability

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8. For transition service participants:
- a. The student, of any age, with a disability if the purpose of the meeting is the consideration of the student's postsecondary goals and the transition services needed to assist the student in reaching those goals pursuant to 34 CFR 300.320(b)

If the student does not attend the IEP team meeting, the district shall take other steps to ensure that the student's preferences and interests are considered.

- b. To the extent appropriate, and with the consent of the parent/guardian, a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services

If a representative of such other local agency has been invited but does not attend the meeting, the district shall take other steps to obtain participation of the agency in the planning of any transition services. (Education Code 56341)

9. For students suspected of having a specific learning disability in accordance with 34 CFR 300.308 (formerly 300.540) and 34 CFR 300.310 (formerly 300.542), at least one individual who is qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of the student, such as a school psychologist, speech language pathologist, or remedial reading teacher (Education Code 56341)

In accordance with 34 CFR 300.310 (formerly 300.542), at least one team member other than the student's ~~regular~~ general education teacher shall observe the student's academic performance in the regular classroom setting. If the child is younger than five years or not enrolled in school, a team member shall observe the child in an environment appropriate for a child of that age. (Education Code 56341)

10. For students who have been placed in a group home by the juvenile court, a representative of the group home

11. When necessary, the parent surrogate12. When translation is requested, a translator will be provided

If a student with a disability is identified as potentially requiring mental health services, the district shall request the participation of the county mental health program in the IEP team meeting. (Education Code 56331)

Upon request of the parent/guardian of a child who was previously served under Early Education for Individuals with Exceptional Needs (Education Code 56425-56432) or the California Early Intervention Services Act (Government Code 95000-95004), the district shall invite the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator or other representative of the early education or early intervention system to the initial IEP team meeting to assist with the smooth transition of services. (20 USC 1414(d)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.321; Education Code 56341)

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A member of the IEP team shall not be required to attend an IEP team meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent/guardian consents and the district agrees, in writing, that the attendance of the member is not necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed at the meeting. If the meeting involves a discussion of the member's area of the curriculum or related service, the IEP team member may be excused from the meeting if the parent/guardian consents in writing to the excusal and the member submits to the parent/guardian and team written input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting. (20 USC 1414(d)(1)(C); 34 CFR 300.321; Education Code 56341)

Parent/Guardian Participation and Other Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to ensure that one or both of the parents/guardians of the student with a disability are present at each IEP team meeting or are afforded ~~the opportunity~~ alternative methods (as further described below) to participate. These steps shall include notifying the parents/guardians of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have the opportunity to attend and scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place. (34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56341.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall send parents/guardians notices of IEP team meetings that: (34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56341.5)

1. Indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting
2. Indicate who will be in attendance at the meeting
3. Inform the parents/guardians of the provisions of 34 CFR 300.321(a)(6) and (c) relating to the participation on the IEP team of other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise about the student, and 34 CFR 300.321(f) relating to the participation of the Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Coordinator at the initial IEP team meeting
4. For students beginning at age 16 (or younger than 16 if deemed appropriate by the IEP team):
 - a. Indicate that the purpose of the meeting will be the consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student pursuant to 20 USC 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(VIII), 34 CFR 300.320(b), and Education Code 56345.1
 - b. Indicate that the district will invite the student to the IEP team meeting
 - c. Identify any other agency that will be invited to send a representative

The District shall provide a parent packet to be sent home prior to an IEP meeting which includes a parent questionnaire regarding parental concerns, proposed agenda for the meeting, parent rights including ability to audiotape meeting, and a description of program and service continuum available in the District.

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At each IEP team meeting convened by the district, the district administrator or specialist on the team shall inform the parent/guardian and student of the federal and state procedural safeguards included in the notice of parental rights provided pursuant to Education Code 56321. (Education Code 56500.1)

The parent/guardian shall have the right and opportunity to examine all of his/her child's school records upon request and before any IEP meeting. Upon receipt of an oral or written request, the district shall provide complete copies of the records within five business days. (Education Code 56043)

If neither parent/guardian can attend the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall use other methods to ensure parent/guardian participation, including video conferences or individual or conference telephone calls. (20 USC 1414(f); 34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56341.5)

An IEP team meeting may be conducted without a parent/guardian in attendance if the district is unable to convince the parent/guardian that he/she should attend. In such a case, the district shall maintain a record of its attempts to arrange a mutually agreed upon time and place for the meeting, including: (34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56341.5)

1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls
2. Copies of correspondence sent to the parent/guardian and any responses received
3. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits

Parents/guardians and the district shall have the right to audiotape the proceedings of IEP team meetings, provided members of the IEP team are notified of this intent at least 24 hours before the meeting. If the district gives notice of intent to audiotape a meeting and the parent/guardian objects or refuses to attend because the meeting would be audiotaped, the meeting shall not be audiotaped. Parents/guardians also have the right to: (Education Code 56341.1)

1. Inspect and review the audiotapes
2. Request that the audiotapes be amended if the parents/guardians believe they contain information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights
3. Challenge, in a hearing, information that the parents/guardians believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights

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The district shall take any action necessary to ensure that the parents/guardians understand the proceedings of the meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents/guardians with deafness or whose native language is not English. (34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56345.1)

The district shall give the parents/guardians of a student with disabilities a copy of his/her child's IEP at no cost. (34 CFR 300.322)

Contents of the IEP

During the IEP meeting, the District will inform parents/guardians of placement continuum, including full inclusion in a general education classroom with necessary modifications and support. The IEP shall be a written statement determined in a meeting of the IEP team. It shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (20 USC 1414(d)(I)(A); 34 CFR 300.320; Education Code 56043, 56345, 56345.1)

1. A statement of the present levels of the student's academic achievement and functional (non-academic) performance, including:
 - a. The manner in which the student's disability affects his/her involvement and progress in the general education curriculum (i.e., the same curriculum as for nondisabled students)
 - b. For a preschool child, as appropriate, the manner in which the disability affects his/her participation in appropriate activities
2. A statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, designed to do the following:
 - a. Meet the student's needs that result from his/her disability in order to enable the student to be involved in and progress in the general education curriculum
 - b. Meet each of the student's other educational needs that result from the his/her disability
 - c. For students with disabilities who take alternate assessments aligned to alternate achievement standards, a description of benchmarks or short-term objectives
3. A description of the manner in which the progress of the student toward meeting the annual goals described in item #2 above will be measured and when the district will provide periodic reports on the progress the student is making toward meeting the annual goals, such as through the use of quarterly or other periodic reports, concurrent with the issuance of report cards
4. A statement of the specific special educational instruction including placement in the least restrictive environment (LRE), and related services and supplementary aids and services based on evidence-based ~~on~~ peer-reviewed research, to the extent practicable; to be provided to the student, or on behalf of the student, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the student to do the following:
 - a. Advance appropriately toward attaining the annual goals
 - b. Be involved and make progress in the general education curriculum in accordance with item #1 above and to participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities

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- a. Be educated and participate with other students with ~~disabilities~~ exceptional needs and nondisabled students in the activities described in Education Code 56345(a)
 - b. Receive instruction that is intensive, sequential, and systematic
5. An explanation of the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate with nondisabled students in the ~~regular~~ general education class and in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities described in item #4 above
 6. A statement of any appropriate individual accommodations necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the student on state and districtwide assessments

If the IEP team determines that the student shall take an alternate assessment instead of a particular regular state or districtwide assessment, a statement of all of the following:

- a. The reason that the student cannot participate in the regular assessment
 - b. The reason that the particular alternate assessment selected is appropriate for the student
7. The projected date for the beginning of the services and modifications described in item #4 above and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications
 8. Beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the student is 16 years of age, or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP team, and updated annually thereafter, the following:
 - a. Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age-appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills
 - b. The transition services, including courses of study, needed to assist the student in reaching those goals
 9. Beginning at least one year before the student reaches age 18, a statement that the student has been informed of his/her rights, if any, pursuant to Education Code 56041.5 that will transfer to the student upon reaching age 18

Where appropriate, the IEP shall also include: (Education Code 56345)

1. For students in grades 7-12, any alternative means and modes necessary for the student to complete the district's prescribed course of study and to meet or exceed proficiency standards required for graduation
2. Linguistically appropriate goals, objectives, programs, and services for students whose native language is not English

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3. Extended school year (ESY) services when the IEP team determines, on an individual basis, that the services are necessary for the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE)
4. Provision for transition into the ~~regular~~ general education program if the student is to be transferred from a special class or center or nonpublic, nonsectarian school into a ~~regular~~ general education program in a public school for any part of the school day

The IEP shall include descriptions of activities intended to:

- a. Integrate the student into the ~~regular~~ general education program, including indications of the nature of each activity and the time spent on the activity each day or week
 - b. Support the transition of the student from the special education program into the ~~regular~~ general education program
5. Specialized services, materials, and equipment for students with low incidence disabilities, consistent with the guidelines pursuant to Education Code 56136

Development, Review, and Revision of the IEP

In developing the IEP, the IEP team shall consider all of the following: (20 USC 1414(d)(3)(A); 34 CFR 300.324; Education Code 56341.1, 56345)

1. The strengths of the student
2. The concerns of the parents/guardians for enhancing the education of their child
3. The results of the initial assessment or most recent assessment of the student
4. The academic, developmental, age appropriate, and functional (non-academic) needs of the student
5. In the case of a student whose behavior impedes his/her learning or that of others, the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies to address that behavior
6. In the case of a student with limited English proficiency, the language needs of the student as such needs relate to the student's IEP
7. In the case of a student who is blind or visually impaired, the need to provide for instruction in Braille and instruction in the use of Braille

However, such instruction need not be included in the IEP if the IEP team determines that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the student. This determination shall be based upon an assessment of the student's reading and writing skills, his/her future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille, and other appropriate reading and writing media.

8. The communication needs of the student, and in the case of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, the student's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's language and communication mode

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The team shall also consider the related services and program options that provide the student with an equal opportunity for communication access, including the following: (Education Code 56345)

- a. The student's primary language mode and language, which may include the use of spoken language, with or without visual cues, and/or the use of sign language
- b. The availability of a sufficient number of age, cognitive, and language peers of similar abilities which may be met by consolidating services into a local plan area-wide program or providing placement pursuant to Education Code 56361
- c. Appropriate, direct, and ongoing language access to special education teachers and other specialists who are proficient in the student's primary language mode and language consistent with existing law regarding teacher training requirements
- d. Services necessary to ensure communication-accessible academic instructions, school services, and extracurricular activities consistent with the federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act

9. Whether the student requires assistive technology devices and services

If, in considering the special factors in items # 1-9 above, the IEP team determines that a student needs a particular device or service, including an intervention, accommodation, or other program modification, in order to receive FAPE, the IEP team must include a statement to that effect in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56341.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the IEP team: (20 USC 1414(d)(4); 34 CFR 300.324; Education Code 56043, 56341.1, 56380)

1. Review the IEP periodically, but at least annually, to determine whether the annual goals for the student are being achieved and that the appropriateness of support, services and placement are appropriate
2. Revise the IEP, as appropriate, to address:
 - a. Any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general curriculum, where appropriate
 - b. The results of any reassessment conducted pursuant to Education Code 56381
 - c. Information about the student provided to or by the parents/guardians regarding review of evaluation data pursuant to 34 CFR 305(a)(2) and Education Code 56381(b)
 - e. The student's anticipated needs
 - f. Other matters
3. Consider the special factors listed in items #5-9 above when reviewing the IEP

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)

The IEP team shall also meet: (Education Code 56343)

1. Whenever the student has received an initial formal assessment and, when desired, when the student receives any subsequent formal assessment
2. Upon request by the student's parent/guardian or teacher to develop, review, or revise the IEP

If a participating agency other than the district fails to provide the transition services described in the student's IEP, the team shall reconvene to identify alternative strategies to meet the transition service objectives set out for the student in the IEP. (20 USC 1414(d); 34 CFR 300.324; Education Code 56345.1)

As a member of the IEP team, the ~~regular~~ general education teacher shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the development, review, and revision of the student's IEP, including assisting in the determination of: (20 USC 1414(d)(3)(C); 34 CFR 300.324; Education Code 56341)

1. Appropriate positive behavioral interventions and supports and other strategies for the student
2. Supplementary aids and services, program modifications, and supports for school personnel that will be provided for the student, consistent with 34 CFR 300.320

To the extent possible, the district shall encourage the consolidation of reassessment meetings and other IEP team meetings for a student. (20 USC 1414(d)(3)(A); 34 CFR 300.324)

The student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his/her IEP team. (Education Code 56341.5)

When a change is necessary to a student's IEP after the annual IEP team meeting for the school year has been held, the parent/guardian and the district may agree not to convene an IEP team meeting for the purpose of making the change and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the student's current IEP. The IEP team shall be informed of any such changes. Upon request, the district shall provide the parent/guardian with a revised copy of the IEP with the incorporated amendments. (20 USC 1414(d)(3)(D); 34 CFR 300.324)

If a student with disabilities residing in a licensed children's institution or foster family home has been placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, the district shall conduct an annual evaluation as part of the IEP process of whether the placement is the least restrictive environment that is appropriate to meet the student's needs. (Education Code 56157)

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)

When an IEP calls for a residential placement as a result of a review by an expanded IEP team, the IEP shall include a provision for a review, at least every six months, by the full IEP team of all of the following: (Education Code 56043)

1. The case progress
2. The continuing need for out-of-home placement
3. The extent of compliance with the IEP
4. Progress toward alleviating the need for out-of-home care

Timelines for the IEP and for the Provision of Services

At the beginning of each school year, the district shall have an IEP in effect for each student with a disability within district jurisdiction. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56344)

The district shall ensure that a meeting to develop an initial IEP is conducted within 30 days of a determination that a student needs special education and related services. The district shall also ensure that, as soon as possible following development of the IEP, special education services and related services are made available to the student in accordance with his/her IEP. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56344)

An IEP required as a result of an assessment of the student shall be developed within a total timeline not to exceed 60 days (not counting days between the student's regular school sessions, terms or days of school vacation in excess of five school days) from the date of receipt of the parent/guardian's written consent for assessment, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. (Education Code 56344)

However, an IEP required as a result of an assessment of a student shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year for a student for whom a referral has been made 20 days or less prior to the end of the regular school year. In the case of school vacations, the 60-day time limit shall recommence on the date that student's school days reconvene. (Education Code 56344)

When a parent/guardian requests an IEP team meeting to review the IEP, the team shall meet within 30 days of receiving the parent/guardian's written request, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days. If a parent/guardian makes an oral request, the district shall notify the parent/guardian of the need for a written request and the procedure for filing such a request. (Education Code 56043, 56343.5)

A ~~regular~~ general education or special education teacher may request a review of the classroom assignment of a special education student by submitting a written request to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the request within 20 days of receiving it, not counting days when school is not in session or, for year-round schools, days when the school is off track. If the review indicates a need for change in the student's placement, instruction, and/or related services, the Superintendent or designee shall convene an IEP team meeting, which shall be held within 30 days of the Superintendent or designee's review, not counting days when school is not in session or days when school is off track, unless the student's parent/guardian consents in writing to an extension of time.

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The district shall ensure that the student's IEP is accessible to each ~~regular~~ general education teacher, special education teacher, related service provider, and any other service provider who is responsible for its implementation. The district shall also ensure that such teachers and providers are informed of their specific responsibilities related to implementing the IEP and the specific accommodations, modifications, and supports that must be provided to the student in accordance with the IEP. (34 CFR 300.323)

Before providing special education and related services, the district shall seek to obtain informed consent pursuant to 20 USC 1414(a)(I). If the parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initiation of services, the district shall not provide the services by utilizing the due process hearing procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415(f). If the parent/guardian does not consent to all of the components of the IEP, then those components to which the parent/guardian has consented shall be implemented so as not to delay providing instruction and services to the student. (Education Code 56346)

If the district determines that a part of the proposed IEP to which the parent/guardian does not consent is necessary in order to provide the student FAPE, a due process hearing shall be initiated in accordance with 20 USC 1415(f). While the due process hearing is pending, the student shall remain in the current placement unless the parent/guardian and the district agree otherwise. (Education Code 56346)

~~If the parent/guardian revokes consent to all services in the IEP after having consented to those services in the past, the district shall cease providing services and not utilize the due process hearing procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415(f) to provide the services. (34 CFR 300.300(b)(4))~~

If the parent/guardian revokes consent, the district shall provide prior written notice pursuant to 34 CFR 300.503 before ceasing services. (34 CFR 300.300)

Transfer Students

To facilitate a transfer student's transition, this district shall take reasonable steps to promptly obtain the records of a student with disabilities transferring into this district, including his/her IEP and the supporting documents related to the provision of special education services. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56325)

If a student with disabilities transfers to this district during the school year from a district within this same SELPA, this district shall continue, without delay, to provide services comparable to those described in the existing IEP, unless the student's parent/guardian and district agree to develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56325)

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If a student with disabilities transfers to this district during the school year from a California district outside of this district's SELPA, this district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to those described in the previous district's IEP. Within 30 days, this district shall, in consultation with the parents/guardians, adopt the other district's IEP or shall develop, adopt, and implement a new IEP that is consistent with state and federal law. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56325)

If a student with disabilities transfers to this district during the school year from an out-of-state district, this district shall provide the student with FAPE, including services comparable to the out-of-state district's IEP, in consultation with the parent/guardian, until such time as this district conducts an assessment, if this district determines that such an assessment is necessary, and develops, adopts, and implements a new IEP, if appropriate. (34 CFR 300.323; Education Code 56325)

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The governing board shall ensure the District ~~In order to~~ protect the rights of students with disabilities, ~~the district shall follow all~~ in accordance with the procedural safeguards as set forth in law. Parents/guardians shall receive written notice of their rights in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall represent the district in any due process hearing conducted with regard to district students and shall inform the Board of Education about the result of the hearing.

Complaints for Special Education

The Superintendent or designee shall address a complaint concerning compliance with state or federal law regarding special education ~~shall be addressed~~ in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56000 Education for individuals with exceptional needs

56001 Provision of the special education programs

56020-56035 Definitions

56195.7 Written agreements

56195.8 Adoption of policies for programs and services

56300-56385 Identification and referral, assessment

56440-56447.1 Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years

56500-56509 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

56600-56606 Evaluation, audits and information

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3000-3100 Regulations governing special education

4600-4671 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434 Homeless assistance

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.10-99.22 Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records

104.36 Procedural safeguards

300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities, especially:

300.500-300.520 Procedural safeguards and due process for parents and students

COURT DECISIONS

Winkelman v. Parma City School District, (2007) 550 U.S. 516

Management Resources:

FEDERAL REGISTER

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WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Special Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

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PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMPLAINTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Prior Written Notice

The Superintendent or designee shall send to the parents/guardians of any student with disabilities a prior written notice within a reasonable time: (20 USC 1415(c); 34 CFR 300.503; Education Code 56500.4, 56500.5)

- I. Before the district initially refers the student for assessment
2. Before the district proposes to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, educational placement, or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student
3. Before the district refuses to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student
4. Before the student graduates from high school with a regular diploma thus resulting in a change in placement
5. Upon receipt of the parent/guardian's written revocation of consent for the continued provision of special education and related services to his/her child

This notice shall include: (20 USC 1415(c); 34 CFR 300.503; Education Code 56500.4)

- I. A description of the action proposed or refused by the district
2. An explanation as to why the district proposes or refuses to take the action
3. A description of any other options that the individualized education program (IEP) team considered and why those options were rejected
4. A description of each assessment procedure, test, record, or report the district used as a basis for the proposed or refused action
5. A description of any other factors relevant to the district's proposal or refusal
6. A statement that the parents/guardians of the student have protection under procedural safeguards and, if this notice is not an initial referral for assessment, the means by which a copy of the description of procedural safeguards can be obtained
7. Sources for parents/guardians to obtain assistance in understanding these provisions

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Procedural Safeguards Notice

A procedural safeguards notice shall be made available to parents/guardians of students with a disability once a school year and: (20 USC 1415(d)(I); 34 CFR 300.504; Education Code 56301)

1. Upon initial referral or parent/guardian request for assessment
2. Upon receipt of the first state compliance complaint
3. Upon receipt of the first due process complaint in a school year
4. In accordance with the discipline procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.530(h), when a decision is made to remove a student because of a violation of a code of conduct which constitutes a change of placement
5. Upon request by a parent/guardian

The procedural safeguards notice shall include a full explanation of all of the procedural safeguards available under 34 CFR 300.148, 300.151-300.153, 300.300, 300.502-300.503, 300.505-300.518, 300.520, 300.530-300.536, and 300.610-300.625 relating to: (20 USC 1415(d)(2); 34 CFR 300.504; Education Code 56301)

1. Independent educational evaluation
2. Prior written notice
3. Parental consent, including a parent/guardian's right to revoke consent, in writing, to his/her child's continued receipt of special education and related services
4. Access to educational records
5. Opportunity to present complaints and resolve complaints through the due process complaint and state compliance complaint procedures including the time period in which to file a complaint, the opportunity for the district to resolve the complaint, and the difference between a due process complaint and the state compliance complaint procedures, including the jurisdiction of each procedure, what issues may be raised, filing and decisional timelines, and relevant procedures
6. The availability of mediation
7. The student's placement during the pendency of any due process complaint

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8. Procedures for students who are subject to placement in an interim alternative educational setting
9. Requirements for unilateral placement by parents/guardians of students in private schools at public expense
10. Hearings on due process complaints, including requirements for disclosure of assessment results and recommendations
11. State-level appeals
12. Civil actions, including the time period in which to file those actions
13. Attorney's fees

This notice shall also include the rights and procedures contained in Education Code 56500-56509 including information on the procedures for requesting an informal meeting, prehearing mediation conference, mediation conference, or due process hearing; the timelines for completing each process; whether the process is optional; the type of representative who may be invited to participate; and the right of the parent/guardian and/or the district to electronically record the proceedings of IEP meetings in accordance with Education Code 56341; and information regarding the state special schools for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind. (Education Code 56321, 56321.5, 56321.6)

A copy of this notice shall be attached to the student's assessment plan and referred to at each IEP meeting. (Education Code 56321, 56321.5)

Format of Parent/Guardian Notices

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability shall be provided written notice of their rights in a language easily understood by the general public and in their native language or other mode of communication used by them, unless to do so is clearly not feasible. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, those rights prescribed by Education Code 56341. (34 CFR 300.503; Education Code 56341, 56506)

If the native language or other mode of communication of the parent/guardian is not a written language, the district shall take steps to ensure that: (34 CFR 300.503)

1. The notice is translated orally or by other means to the parent/guardian in his/her native language or other mode of communication.
2. The parent/guardian understands the contents of the notice.

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3. There is written evidence that items #1 and #2 have been satisfied.

The district may place a copy of the procedural safeguards notice on the district's web site. (20 USC 1415(d))

A parent/guardian of a student with disabilities may elect to receive the prior written notice or procedural safeguards notice by an electronic mail communication. (34 CFR 300.505)

Due Process Complaints

A parent/guardian and/or the district may initiate due process hearing procedures whenever: (20 USC 1415(b); Education Code 56501)

1. There is a proposal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
2. There is a refusal to initiate or change the student's identification, assessment, or educational placement or the provision of FAPE to the student.
3. The parent/guardian refuses to consent to an assessment of his/her child.
4. There is a disagreement between a parent/guardian and the district regarding the availability of a program appropriate for the student, including the question of financial responsibility, as specified in 34 CFR 300.148 (formerly 300.403).

Prior to having a due process hearing, the party requesting the hearing, or the party's attorney, shall provide the opposing party a due process complaint, which shall remain confidential, specifying: (20 USC 1415(b); 34 CFR 300.508; Education Code 56502)

1. The student's name
2. The student's address or, in the case of a student identified as homeless pursuant to 42 USC 11434, available contact information for that student
3. The name of the school the student attends
4. A description of the nature of the student's problem relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem
5. A proposed resolution to the problem to the extent known and available to the complaining party at the time

Parties filing a due process complaint shall file their request with the Office of Administrative Hearings (www.oah.dgs.ca.gov). (Education Code 56502)

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District's Response to Due Process Complaints

If the district has sent prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter of the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall, within 10 days of receipt of the complaint, send a response specifically addressing the issues in the complaint. (20 USC 1415(c)(1); 34 CFR 300.508)

If the district has not sent a prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter contained in the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall send a response to the parent/guardian within 10 days of receipt of the complaint specifying: (20 USC 1415(c)(1); 34 CFR 300.508)

- I. An explanation of why the district proposed or refused to take the action raised in the complaint
2. A description of other options that the IEP team considered and the reasons that those options were rejected
3. A description of each evaluation procedure, assessment, record, or report the district used as the basis for the proposed or refused action
4. A description of the factors which are relevant to the district's proposal or refusal

~~If the district has sent prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter of the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the district shall, within 10 days of receipt, send a response specifically addressing the issues in the complaint. (20 USC 1415(c)(1); 34 CFR 300.508)~~

Upon the filing of a due process complaint by either party or upon request of the parent/guardian, the district shall inform the parent/guardian of any free or low-cost legal and other relevant services available in the area. (34 CFR 300.507)

Informal Process/Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference

Prior to or upon initiating a due process hearing, the Superintendent or designee and a parent/guardian may, if the party initiating the hearing so chooses, agree to meet informally to resolve any issue(s) relating to the identification, assessment, or education and placement of a student with disabilities. The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to resolve the issue(s). In addition, either party may file a request with the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a mediation conference to be conducted by a person under contract with the California Department of Education. (Education Code 56502)

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If resolution is reached that resolves the due process issue(s), the parties shall enter into a legally binding agreement that satisfies the requirements of Education Code 56500.3. (Education Code 56500.3)

Attorneys may attend or otherwise participate only in those mediation conferences that are scheduled after the filing of a request for due process hearing. (Education Code 56500.3, 56501)

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NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education may contract with state-certified nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies to provide special education services or facilities when an appropriate public education program is not available.

When entering into agreements with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies, the Board shall consider the needs of the individual student and the recommendations of the individualized education program (IEP) team. The IEP team shall remain accountable for monitoring the progress of students placed in nonpublic, nonsectarian programs towards the goals identified in each student's IEP.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

56034-56035 *Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency*

56042 *Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest*

56101 *Waivers*

56163 *Certification*

56168 *Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school*

56195.8 *Adoption of policies*

56360-56369 *Implementation of special education*

56711 *Computation of state aid*

56740-56743 *Apportionments and reports*

56760 *Annual budget plan; service proportions*

56775.5 *Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs*

GOVERNMENT CODE

7570-7588 *Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:*

7572.55 *Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement*

FAMILY CODE

7911-7912 *Interstate compact on placement of children*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

362.2 *Out-of-home placement for IEP*

727.1 *Out-of-state placement of wards of court*

CODE OF REGULATIONS. TITLE 5

3001 *Definitions*

3061-3069 *Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services*

UNITED STATES CODE. TITLE 20

1400-1487 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. TITLE 34

300.129-300.148 *Children with disabilities in private schools*

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Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

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WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Placement and Services

Procedures specified in law shall govern the selection of appropriate nonpublic school or agency services.

Contracts with a nonpublic school or agency shall be made on forms provided by the California Department of Education and shall include an individual services agreement negotiated for each student. Individual services agreements shall be for the length of time for which nonpublic, nonsectarian school services are specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP), not to exceed one year. Changes in educational instruction, services or placement shall be made only on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

The master contract shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements between the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and the district to provide the special education and designated instruction and services, as well as transportation specified in the student's IEP. The administrative provisions of the contract shall also include procedures for recordkeeping and documentation, and the maintenance of school records by the contracting district to ensure that appropriate high school graduation credit is received by the student. The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the nonpublic, nonsectarian school. (Education Code 56366)

The master contract shall include a description of the process being utilized by the district to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. This description shall include a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress. (Education Code 56366)

The district IEP team shall annually review the IEP of a student placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. The student's IEP and contract shall specify the review schedules. (5 CCR 3068)

~~The Superintendent or designee of an elementary school district shall notify a high school district of all students placed in nonpublic school or agency programs prior to the annual review of the IEP for each student who may transfer to the high school district. (5 CCR3068)~~

When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of prescribed course of study and adopted differential proficiency standards as designated in the student's IEP, the district which developed the IEP shall award the diploma. (5 CCR 3069)

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SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**

Out-or-State Placements

Before contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency outside California, the Superintendent or designee shall document the district's efforts to find an appropriate program offered by a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency within California. (Education Code 56365)

Within 15 days of any decision for an out-of-state placement, the student's IEP team shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a report with information about the services provided by the out-of-state program, the related costs, and the district's efforts to locate an appropriate public school or nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency within California. (Education Code 56365)

If the district decides to place a student with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency outside the state, the district shall indicate the anticipated date of the student's return to a placement within California and shall document efforts during the previous year to return the student to California. (Education Code 56365)

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ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

In accordance with Board policy, a teacher or student may bring an animal into the classroom for instructional purposes with prior approval of the principal or designee. When a parent/guardian has provided notification that his/her child has an allergy, asthma, or health condition that may be affected by the animal, the teacher shall remove the animal from the classroom or provide an alternative instructional activity for the student as appropriate.

All animals brought to school must be in good physical condition and appropriately immunized. The teacher shall ensure that the species of animal is appropriate for the instructional purpose and age and maturity of the students.

Students bringing animals to school (including service animals), must have the written consent of the parent/guardian and must first obtain the consent of the teacher and the appropriate site administrator. Reasonable accommodations shall be made for service animals used by individuals with a disability.

All animals, with the exception of service animals, are prohibited on school transportation services. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)

All animals shall be humanely and properly housed in cages or containers specific for the species or otherwise appropriately controlled. The teacher shall also ensure that cages and containers are cleaned regularly and that waste materials are removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner. If the animal is to remain in the classroom longer than one day, the teacher shall be responsible for care and maintenance of the animal and ensure proper care when school is not in session, such as weekend, vacations and holidays.

The teacher shall ensure that students receive instruction regarding personal hygiene around animals. Students must receive training in appropriate handling and care of the animals so as to not cause harm to the animal or provoke aggressive behavior. As a matter of proper hygiene, students must thoroughly wash their hands after handling an animal.

Animals under the control of public safety officials may have access to District property and program locations for enforcement, educational and public relation purposes. Use of these animals is under the jurisdiction of the applicable local ordinance; or state and/or federal laws, codes and regulations. The provisions of this policy directly related to the safety of students, staff and visitors are to be brought to the attention of these officials by the site or program administrator; or the teacher in the absence of an administrator.

Non-Service Animals

Students shall not bring poisonous or wild animals to school. If wildlife specimens are used in a biology class, protective gloves and a face shield shall be worn by anyone handling these specimens and the animals' saliva and neurological tissue shall be treated as infectious.

Animals brought to school by professional handlers for demonstration purposes must be under the control of the handlers at all times. All precautions should be taken to assure that the animals do not pose a threat to students, staff or visitors.

Animals brought to school by students or staff shall generally be taken home the same day they are brought to school.

Non-service animals must be removed immediately from District premises upon the request of the school site or program administrator, the Risk Manager, or the Superintendent or designee.

Service Animals

The use of service animals must comply with all relevant federal and state laws; pertinent local ordinances, rules and regulations; and the provisions of this implementing regulation of District policy. Requests for exceptions to any provision set forth herein may be presented in writing for evaluation and consideration by the District on a case-by-case basis.

Definitions

1. Individual with a Disability: As defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. Service Animal: Any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. These tasks include, but are not limited to: guiding individuals with impaired vision; alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders or sound; providing minimal protection or rescue work; pulling a wheelchair; or fetching dropped items. The service the animal is providing must be directly related to the functional limitation of the person's disability. Therapy or companion animals, including pets, are not service animals, are not covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and therefore, are not permitted on District facilities or at District-sponsored activities.

Right to Use of Facilities And Services

An individual with a disability has the right to be accompanied in, or on, District property and facilities by a service animal specially trained for that person, subject to the following conditions:

1. Upon request, the user of the service animal shall provide information about the specific individualized training of the animal, including what task(s) the animal performs for the individual.
2. The user of the service animal must provide evidence of proper licensure, inoculations and identification.

3. The user of the service animal is responsible for the care and conduct of the service animal at all times. The service animal must be under user control at all times. The user of the service animal is responsible for the cleanliness of the service animal, including flea control and other protective measures for health and safety; and for assuring the proper and safe disposal of all waste elimination of the service animal.
4. The service animal shall not exhibit aggressive behavior toward staff, students, or any individuals; and may not otherwise pose a direct threat to the health and/or safety of others, and may not be disruptive to the educational environment.

If any of the above conditions are not met, the user can be required to remove the service animal and not bring the service animal back to District premises, or the school bus, until the user has mitigated the relevant deficiency.

Liability for Service Animals

The user of a service animal shall keep the service animal properly harnessed, or leashed and under control at all times. The owner/user of the service animal is solely responsible for any damage to persons, premises or facilities caused by that service animal. The District assumes no responsibility for service animals.

Special Education/Section 504 Students

For special education students (i.e. those students qualifying for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Action (IDEA)), Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams may consider whether or not a service animal (meeting the definition above) is required to meet a particular student's unique needs. Should such a service animal be found to be required by an IEP team, conditions for the use of such a service animal should be referenced in the IEP document. Similarly, should a service animal be included in a student's Section 504 Plan, the conditions for the use of such a service animal should be referenced in the Plan document.

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Student Use Of Technology

The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

- (cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
- (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
- (cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with district regulations and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

- (cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
- (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
- (cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Before a student is authorized to use the district's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

- (cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

The Superintendent or designee, with input from students and appropriate staff, shall regularly review and update this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation, and other relevant procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using the district's technological resources and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Use of District Computers for Online Services/Internet Access

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 6777, 47 USC 254)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The Superintendent or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

Student use of district computers to access social networking sites is prohibited. To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall block access to such sites on district computers with Internet access.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51006 Computer education and resources

51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills

51870-51874 Education technology

60044 Prohibited instructional materials

PENAL CODE

313 Harmful matter

502 Computer crimes, remedies

632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications

653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:

6777 Internet safety

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

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Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007

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How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: A Guide for Teachers, December 2000

MY SPACE.COM PUBLICATIONS

The Official School Administrator's Guide to Understanding MySpace and Resolving Social Networking Issues

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

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California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: <http://csriu.org>

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy Protection:

<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

Web Wise Kids: <http://www.webwisekids.org>

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Student Use Of Technology

The principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. All instructional staff shall receive a copy of this administrative regulation, the accompanying Board policy, and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131- Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Teachers, administrators, and/or library media specialists shall prescreen technological resources and online sites that will be used for instructional purposes to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with Board Policy, the user obligations and responsibilities specified below, and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

1. The student in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private and shall only use the account to which they have been assigned.
2. Students shall use the district's system safely, responsibly, and primarily for educational purposes.
3. Students shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
- (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
- (cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code 313)

4. Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students also shall be cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians.

Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information.

5. Students shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

- (cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
- (cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

6. Students shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities.
7. Students shall not use the system to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule other students or staff.
8. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws. Any materials utilized for research projects should be given proper credit as with any other printed source of information.

- (cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)
- (cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

9. Students shall not intentionally upload, download, or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking."

- (cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

10. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or use another individual's identity.
11. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the teacher or principal.

The district reserves the right to monitor use of the district's systems for improper use without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that computer files and electronic communications, including email, are not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education recognizes the need to actively seek out and evaluate district residents from birth to age 21 who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop processes to determine when an individual is eligible for special education services and shall establish systematic procedures for special education program identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review, and triennial assessment. (Education Code 56301)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a method whereby parents/guardians, teachers, appropriate professionals, and others may refer an individual for assessment for special education services. Identification procedures shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students with needs that cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program. (Education Code 56302)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the district's procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services. (Education Code 56301)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44265.5 Professional preparation for teachers of impaired students

56000-56885 Special education programs, especially:

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56300-56304 Identification of individuals with disabilities

56320-56331 Assessment

56333-56338 Eligibility criteria for specific learning disabilities

56340-56347 Instructional planning and individualized education program

56381 Reassessment of students

56425-56432 Early education for individuals with disabilities

56441.11 Eligibility criteria, children ages 3-5

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56500-56509 Procedural safeguards

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3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment

3030-3031 Eligibility criteria

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1412 State eligibility

1415 Procedural safeguards

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica, California

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION-OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Referrals for Special Education Services

A student shall be referred for special educational instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and used where appropriate. (Education Code 56303)

All referrals from school staff for special education and related services shall include a brief reason for the referral and description of the regular program resources that were considered and/or modified for use with the student and their effect. (5 CCR 3021)

Initial Assessment for Special Education Services

Before the initial provision of special education and related services to a student with a disability, the district shall conduct ~~a full and individual initial evaluation~~ an assessment in all areas related to the suspected disability of the student. (34 CFR 300.301; Education Code 56320)

Within 15 days of the receipt of a referral of any student for special education and related services, the district shall develop a proposed ~~evaluation~~ assessment plan, unless the parent/guardian agrees in writing to an extension. This 15-day period does not include days between the student's regular school sessions or terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days from the date of receipt of the referral. If the referral is made within 10 days or less prior to the end of the student's regular school year, the proposed ~~evaluation~~ assessment plan shall be developed within 10 days after the beginning of the next regular school year, or the student's regular school term. In the case of the student's school vacation in excess of five school days, the 15-day deadline shall recommence on the date the student's regular school days reconvene. (Education Code 56043, 56321)

The proposed ~~evaluation~~ assessment plan shall meet all of the following requirements: (Education Code 56321)

1. Be in a language easily understood by the general public
2. Be provided in the native language of the parent/guardian or other mode of communication used by the parent/guardian unless it is clearly not feasible
3. Explain the types of ~~evaluation~~ assessment to be conducted
4. State that no individualized education program (IEP) will result from the ~~evaluation~~ assessment without parent/guardian consent

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Prior to conducting an initial assessment, the district shall provide the parent/guardian with prior written notice in accordance with 34 CFR 300.503. In addition, as part of the assessment plan, the parent/guardian shall receive written notice that includes all of the following information: (34 CFR 300.304, 300.504; Education Code 56329)

1. Upon completion of the administration of tests and other ~~evaluation~~ assessment materials, an IEP team meeting that includes the parent/guardian or his/her representative shall be scheduled pursuant to Education Code 56341. At this meeting, the team shall determine whether or not the student is a student with disabilities as defined in Education Code 56026 and shall discuss the ~~evaluation~~ assessment, the educational recommendations, and the reasons for the recommendations.
2. In making a determination of eligibility for special education, the student shall not be determined to be a student with a disability if the determinant factor is lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction as defined in 20 USC 6368 of the No Child Left Behind Act, lack of instruction in or mathematics, or limited English proficiency, temporary physical disabilities, social maladjustment, or environmental, cultural, or economic.
3. A copy of the ~~evaluation~~ assessment report and the documentation of determination of eligibility shall be given to the parent/guardian.
4. If a parent/guardian disagrees with an ~~evaluation~~ assessment obtained by the district, the parent/guardian has the right to obtain, at public expense, an independent educational evaluation of the student from qualified specialists, in accordance with 34 CFR 300.502. A parent/guardian is entitled to only one (1) such assessment at public expense each time the district conducts an assessment with which the parent/guardian disagrees.

If the district observed the student in conducting its ~~evaluation~~ assessment, or if its ~~evaluation~~ assessment procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to the independent educational evaluation. This equivalent opportunity shall apply to the student's current placement and setting as well as observation of the district's proposed placement and setting, regardless of whether the independent educational evaluation is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing proceeding.

5. The district may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to Education Code 56500-56508 to show that its ~~evaluation~~ assessment is appropriate. If the final decision resulting from the due process hearing is that the assessment is appropriate, the parent/guardian maintains the right for an independent educational evaluation, but not at public expense.

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- If the parent/guardian obtains an independent educational evaluation at private expense, the results of the assessment shall be considered by the district with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the student, and may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding the student. If the district observed the student in conducting its assessment, or if its assessment procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to an independent educational evaluation of the student in the student's current educational placement and setting, if any, proposed by the district, regardless of whether the independent educational evaluation is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing.
6. If a parent/guardian proposes a publicly financed placement of the student in a nonpublic school, the district shall have an opportunity to observe the proposed placement and, if the student has already been unilaterally placed in the nonpublic school by the parent/guardian, the student in the proposed placement. Any such observation shall only be of the student who is the subject of the observation and may not include the observation or ~~evaluation~~ assessment of any other student in the proposed placement unless that other student's parent/guardian consents to the observation or ~~evaluation~~ assessment. The results of any observation or ~~evaluation~~ assessment of another student in violation of Education Code 56329(d) shall be inadmissible in any due process or judicial proceeding regarding FAPE of that other student.

Parent/Guardian Consent for Assessments

Upon receiving the proposed ~~evaluation~~ assessment plan, the parent/guardian shall have at least 15 days to decide whether or not to consent to the initial ~~evaluation~~ assessment. The district shall not interpret parent/guardian consent for initial ~~evaluation~~ assessment as consent for initial placement or initial provision of special education services. (34 CFR 300.300,34 CFR 300.301; Education Code 56320, 56321)

Informed parental consent means that the parent/guardian: (34 CFR 300.9)

1. Has been fully informed, in his/her native language or other mode of communication, of all information relevant to the activity for which consent is sought
2. Understands and agrees, in writing, to the carrying out of the activity for which his/her consent is sought and the consent describes that activity and lists the records (if any) that will be released and to whom
3. Understands that the granting of consent is voluntary on his/her part and may be revoked at any time
4. Understands that if he/she revokes consent, that revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that has occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked).

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The district shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the informed consent of the parent/guardian for an initial ~~evaluation~~ assessment or ~~reevaluation~~ assessment of a student. The district shall maintain a record of its attempts to obtain consent, including: (34 CFR 300.300, 300.322)

1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls
2. Copies of correspondence sent to the parent/guardian and any responses received
3. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits

If a parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initial assessment or fails to respond to a request to provide consent, the district may, but is not required to, pursue an assessment by utilizing the procedural safeguards, including the mediation and due process procedures pursuant to 20 USC 1415 and 34 CFR 300.506-300.516. (34 CFR 300.300; Education Code 56321)

For a student who is a ward of the state and not residing with his/her parent/guardian, the district may conduct an initial assessment without obtaining informed consent if any of the following situations exists: (20 USC 1414; 34 CFR 300.300; Education Code 56321.1)

1. Despite reasonable efforts to do so, the district cannot discover the whereabouts of the parent/guardian of the student.
2. The rights of the parent/guardian of the student have been terminated in accordance with California law.
3. The rights of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions have been subrogated by a judge in accordance with California law and consent for an initial assessment has been given by an individual appointed by the judge to represent the student.

The district need not obtain parent/guardian consent before reviewing existing data as part of an assessment or administering a test or other assessment that is administered to all students, unless consent is required from the parents/guardians of all students. (34 CFR 300.300; Education code 56321)

Conduct of the Evaluation

The district shall complete the determination as to whether the student is a student with a disability, conduct the initial assessment to determine his/her educational needs, and develop an IEP within 60 days of receiving informed parent/guardian consent for the assessment. (34 CFR 300.300,34 CFR 300.301; Education Code 56344)

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The assessment shall be conducted by qualified personnel who are competent to perform the assessment as determined by the district, county office of education, or special education local plan area (SELPA). (Education Code 56320, 56322)

The screening of a student by a teacher or specialist to determine appropriate instructional strategies for curriculum implementation shall not be considered to be an assessment for eligibility for special education and related services. (34 CFR 300.302)

In conducting the assessment, the district shall use a variety of assessment tools and strategies to gather relevant functional, developmental, and academic information about the student. The district shall also use any information provided by the parent/guardian that may assist the district in making the determination as to whether the student is a student with a disability and, if so, the necessary components of his/her IEP when the IEP is developed, including information related to enabling the student to be involved in and to progress in the general education curriculum. (34 CFR 300.304)

The district's assessment shall not use any single measure or assessment as the sole criterion for determining whether a student is a student with a disability and for determining the appropriate educational program for the student. The assessment shall use technically sound instruments that may assess the relative contribution of cognitive and behavioral factors in addition to physical or developmental factors. (34 CFR 300.304)

The district shall also ensure that assessments and other assessment materials provide relevant information that directly assists persons in determining the student's educational needs and are: (34 CFR 300.304; Education Code 56320)

1. Selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial, cultural, or sexual basis
2. Provided and administered in the student's native language or other mode of communication and in the form most likely to yield accurate information on what the student knows and can do academically, developmentally, and functionally, unless it is clearly not feasible to so provide or administer
3. Used for the purposes for which the assessments or measures are valid and reliable
4. Administered by trained and knowledgeable personnel
5. Administered in accordance with any instructions provided by the producer of the assessments
6. Tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient

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7. If administered to a student with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, selected and administered to best ensure that the results accurately reflect the student's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factors the test purports to measure

Students shall be assessed in all areas related to the suspected disability, including, if appropriate, health and development, vision (including low vision), hearing, language function, social and emotional status, general intelligence, academic performance, communicative status, self-help, orientation and mobility skills, career and vocational abilities and interests, and motor abilities. When appropriate, a developmental history shall be obtained. The district shall ensure that the assessment is sufficiently comprehensive to identify all of the student's special education and related service needs, whether or not commonly linked to the disability category in which the student has been classified. (34 CFR 300.304; Education Code 56320)

As part of the initial assessment and any reassessment, the IEP team and other qualified professionals, shall, if appropriate, review existing assessment data on the student, including assessments and information provided by the parents/guardians; current classroom-based local or state assessments and classroom-based observations; and observations by teachers and related services providers. On the basis of that review and input from the student's parent/guardian, the team shall identify what additional data, if any, are needed to determine: (34 CFR 300.305; Education Code 56381)

1. Whether the student is a student with a disability, or in the case of a reassessment, whether the student continues to have a disability, and the educational needs of the student
2. The present levels of academic achievement and related developmental needs of the student
3. Whether the student needs, or continues to need, special education and related services
4. Whether any additions or modifications to the special education and related services are needed to enable the student to meet the measurable annual goals set out in his/her IEP and to participate, as appropriate, in the general education curriculum

If a student has transferred from another district in the same school year or leaves this district, the district shall coordinate with the student's prior or subsequent district as necessary and as expeditiously as possible to ensure prompt completion of full assessments. (34 CFR 300.304)

Eligibility Determination

Upon completion of the administration of assessments and other assessment measures, a group of qualified professionals and the parent/guardian shall determine whether the child is a student with a disability and the student's educational needs. In interpreting the data, the group shall draw information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, parent/guardian input, and teacher recommendations, as well as information about the student's physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior. The group shall ensure that the information obtained from these sources is documented and carefully considered. (34 CFR 300.306)

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The personnel who evaluate the student shall prepare a written report of the results of each assessment. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (Education Code 56327)

1. Whether the student may need special education and related services
2. The basis for making the determination
3. The relevant behavior noted during the observation of the student in an appropriate setting
4. The relationship of that behavior to the student's academic and social functioning
5. The educationally relevant health, developmental, and medical findings, if any
6. For students with learning disabilities, whether there is such a discrepancy between achievement and ability that it cannot be corrected without special education and related services
7. A determination concerning the effects of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage, where appropriate
8. The need for specialized services, materials, and equipment for students with low incidence disabilities, consistent with Education Code 56136

When making a determination of eligibility for special education and related services, the district shall not determine that a student is disabled if the primary factor for such determination is a lack of appropriate instruction in reading, including the essential components of reading instruction pursuant to 20 USC 6368 of the No Child Left Behind Act, lack of instruction in mathematics, limited English proficiency, or that the student does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria. (34 CFR 300.306; Education Code 56329)

If a determination is made that a student has a disability and needs special education and related services, an IEP shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 60 days, not counting days between the student's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days, from the date of the receipt of the parent/guardian's consent for assessment, unless the parent/guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. (34 CFR 300.306; Education Code 56043)

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (continue)**Independent Educational Evaluation**

The parents/guardians of a student with a disability have the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation at public expense under the same criteria that the district uses for a district-initiated assessment. An *independent educational evaluation* is an assessment conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the district. *Public expense* means the district either pays for the full cost of the independent educational evaluation or ensures that the assessment is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent/guardian. (34 CFR 300.502; Education Code 56329)

The parent/guardian is entitled to only one independent educational evaluation at public expense each time the district conducts an assessment with which the parent/guardian disagrees. (34 CFR 300.502)

If a parent/guardian has requested an independent educational evaluation, the district may ask for a reason that he/she objects to the district's assessment. However, the parent/guardian is not required to provide the reason to the district. (34 CFR 300.502)

Upon receiving the request for an independent educational evaluation, the district shall, without unnecessary delay, either: (34 CFR 300.502)

1. File a due process complaint to request a hearing to show that its assessment is appropriate
2. Ensure that an independent evaluation is provided at public expense, unless the district can later demonstrate at a hearing that the assessment obtained by the parent/guardian did not satisfy the district's criteria

Upon request by a parent, District staff shall provide timely access of sufficient duration to the parent and/or their own designated independent evaluator/educational consultant to observe the child's current classroom placement and any placement continuum (including both academic and non-academic components) proposed by any member of the IEP team. District and school staff shall provide access to the parent and/or the designated independent evaluator/educational consultant to observe the child's current classroom. The District and school shall ensure the students' safety and confidentiality are preserved.

If a due process hearing decision determines that the district's assessment is appropriate, then the parent/guardian may obtain an independent evaluation but not at public expense. (34 CFR 300.502)

The results of an independent evaluation obtained by the parent/guardian, whether at public or private expense, shall be considered by the district if it meets district criteria in any decision made with respect to FAPE and may be presented as evidence at a hearing on a due process complaint. (34 CFR 300.502)

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)**Reevaluation**

A reevaluation shall be conducted when the district determines that the educational or related services needs of the student, including improved academic achievement and functional performance, warrant a reassessment or if the student's parent/guardian or teacher requests reassessment. Such reassessments shall occur every three years, unless the parent/guardian and district agree in writing that a reassessment is unnecessary. A reassessment may not occur more than once a year, unless the parent/guardian and the district agree otherwise. (34 CFR 300.303; Education Code 56381)

The district shall ensure that any reassessments of the student are conducted in accordance with the assessment procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.304-300.311. (34 CFR 300.303)

Before entering kindergarten or first grade, children with disabilities who are in a preschool program shall be reevaluated to determine if they still need special education and services. IEP teams shall identify a means of monitoring the continued success of children who are determined to be eligible for less intensive special education programs to ensure that gains made are not lost by a rapid removal of individualized programs and supports for these children. (Education Code 56445)

Parent/Guardian Revocation of Consent for Continued Provision of Services

If at any time subsequent to the initial provision of services, the student's parent/guardian revokes consent, in writing, for the continued provision of special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall provide prior written notice within a reasonable time before ceasing to provide services to the student. The district shall not request a due process hearing or pursue mediation in order to require an agreement or ruling that services be provided to the student. (34 CFR 300.3000, 300.503)

Prior to the discontinuation of services, the Superintendent or designee may offer to meet with the parents/guardians to discuss concerns for the student's education. However, this meeting shall be voluntary on the part of the parent/guardian and shall not delay the implementation of the parent/guardian's request for discontinuation of services. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall send a letter to the parent/guardian n confirming the parent/guardian's decision to discontinue all services.

Once district has ceased providing special education services in response to the parent/guardian's revocation of consent, the student shall be classified as a general education student.

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IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 504

Definitions

Free appropriate public education (FAPE) under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 means the provision of either regular or special education and related aids and services, designed to meet the student's individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met. (34 CFR 104.33)

Eligibility to receive FAPE under Section 504 means a student has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. (34 CFR 104.33)

Major life activities means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. (34 CFR 104.3)

Physical or mental impairment means any of the following: (34 CFR 104.3)

1. Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal, special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine
2. Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities

Referral, Identification, and Evaluation

1. Any student may be referred by a parent/guardian, teacher, other school employee, student success team, or community agency for consideration of eligibility as a disabled student under Section 504. This referral may be made to the principal or 504 Coordinator.

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

2. Upon receipt of a referral for eligibility, the principal or 504 Coordinator shall consider the referral and determine whether an evaluation is appropriate. This determination shall be based on a review of the student's school records, including academic and nonacademic areas of the school program; consultation with the student's teacher(s), other professionals, and the parent/guardian, as appropriate;

and analysis of the student's needs.

If it is determined that an evaluation is unnecessary, the principal or 504 Coordinator shall inform the parents/guardians in writing of this decision and of the procedural safeguards, as described in the "Procedural Safeguards" section below.

3. If it is determined that a student needs or is believed to need special education or related services under Section 504, the district shall conduct an evaluation of the student prior to initial placement and before any significant change in placement. (34 CFR 104.35)

Prior to conducting an initial evaluation of a student for eligibility under Section 504, the district shall obtain written parent/guardian consent.

The district's evaluation procedures shall ensure that tests and other evaluation materials: (34 CFR 104.35)

- a. Have been validated and are administered by trained personnel in conformance with the instruction provided by the test publishers
- b. Are tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and are not based solely on a single IQ score
- c. Reflect aptitude or achievement or whatever else the tests purport to measure and do not reflect the student's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills unless the test is designed to measure these particular deficits

Section 504 Services Plan and Placement

1. A multi-disciplinary 504 team shall be convened to review the evaluation data in order to make placement decisions.

The 504 team shall consist of a group of persons knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data, and the placement options. (34 CFR 104.35)

In interpreting evaluation data and making placement decisions, the team shall draw upon information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior. The team shall also ensure that information obtained from all such sources is documented and carefully considered and that the placement decision is made in conformity with 34 CFR 104.34. (34 CFR 104.35)

2. If, upon evaluation, a student is determined to be eligible for services under Section 504, the team shall meet to develop a written 504 services plan which shall specify the types of regular or special education services, accommodations, and supplementary aids and services necessary to ensure that the student receives FAPE.

The parents/guardians shall be invited to participate in the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to examine all relevant records.

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

3. If the 504 team determines that no services are necessary for the student, the record of the team's meeting shall reflect whether or not the student has been identified as a disabled person under Section 504 and shall state the basis for the decision that no special services are presently needed. The student's parent/guardian shall be informed in writing of his/her rights and procedural safeguards, as described in the "Procedural Safeguards" section below.
4. The student shall be placed in the regular educational environment, unless the district can demonstrate that the education of the student in the regular environment with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. The student shall be educated with those who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate to his/her individual needs. (34 CFR 104.34)
5. The district shall complete the identification, evaluation, and placement process within a reasonable time frame.
6. A copy of the student's Section 504 services plan shall be kept in his/her student record. The student's teacher(s) and any other staff who provide services to the student shall be informed of the plan's requirements.

If a student transfers to another school within the district, the principal or designee at the school from which the student is transferring shall ensure that the principal or designee at the new school receives a copy of the plan prior to the student's enrollment in the new school.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Review and Reevaluation

1. The 504 team shall monitor the progress of the student and the effectiveness of the student's Section 504 services plan to determine whether the services are appropriate and necessary and whether the student's needs are being met as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students. The team shall review the student's plan annually. In addition, the student's eligibility under Section 504

shall be reevaluated at least once every three years.

2. A reevaluation of the student's needs shall be conducted before any subsequent significant change in placement. (34 CFR 104.35)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Procedural Safeguards

Parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of all district decisions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of students with disabilities or suspected disabilities. Notifications shall include a statement of their right to: (34 CFR 104.36)

1. Examine relevant records
2. Have an impartial hearing with an opportunity for participation by the parents/guardians and their counsel
3. Have a review procedure

Notifications shall also detail the parent/guardian's right to file a grievance with the district over an alleged violation of Section 504; have an evaluation that draws on information from a variety of sources; be informed of any proposed actions related to eligibility and plan for services; receive all information in the parent/guardian's native language and primary mode of communication; periodic reevaluations and an evaluation before any significant change in program/service modifications; an impartial hearing if there is a disagreement with the district's proposed action; be represented by counsel in the impartial hearing process; and appeal the impartial hearing officer's decision.

If a parent/guardian disagrees with decisions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of his/her child under Section 504, he/she may request a Section 504 due process hearing in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Within 30 days after receipt of the district's decision with which the parent/guardian disagrees, the parent/guardian may request an administrative review of the decision.

The 504 Coordinator shall designate an appropriate administrator to meet with the parent/guardian to attempt to resolve the issue. This review shall be held within 14 days of receiving the parent/guardian's request.

2. If the parent/guardian chooses not to request an administrative review or if the review does not resolve the issue, the parent/guardian may request in writing a Section 504 due process hearing. The parent/guardian's request for a hearing shall

be made within 30 days of receiving the district's decision or within 14 days of completion of the administrative review. The request shall include:

- a. The specific nature of the decision with which the parent/guardian disagrees
- b. The specific relief the parent/guardian seeks
- c. Any other information the parent/guardian believes pertinent

Within 30 days of receiving the parent/guardian's request, the Superintendent or designee and 504 Coordinator shall select an impartial hearing officer. This 30-day deadline may be extended for good cause or by mutual agreement of the parties.

The 504 Coordinator shall maintain a list of impartial hearing officers who are qualified and willing to conduct Section 504 hearings. To ensure impartiality, such officers shall not be employed by or under contract with the district in any capacity other than that of hearing officer and shall not have any professional or personal involvement that would affect their impartiality or objectivity in the matter.

Within 45 days of the selection of the hearing officer, the Section 504 due process hearing shall be conducted and a written decision mailed to all parties. This 45-day deadline may be extended for good cause or by mutual agreement of the parties.

Any party to the hearing shall be afforded the right to:

1. Be accompanied and advised by counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training related to the problems of students who are qualified as disabled under Section 504
2. Present written and oral evidence
3. Question and cross-examine witnesses
4. Receive written findings by the hearing officer

If desired, either party may seek a review of the hearing officer's decision by a federal court of competent jurisdiction.

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district has taken appropriate steps to notify students and parents/guardians of the district's duty under Section 504. (34 CFR 104.32)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

District Coordinator for Implementation of Section 504

The district has designated the following individual to coordinate its efforts to comply with the requirements of law, Board policy, and administrative regulation pertaining to the implementation of Section 504: 934 CFR 104.7)

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