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Definitions
- **District of Location (DOL):** School district where private school is located.
- **District of Residence (DOR):** School district in which the child resides.
- **Tri-City SELPA:** Special Education Local Plan Area (e.g., SMMUSD, BHUSD, CCUSD).
- **Service Plan (SP):** Consult between DOL and private school – no direct service.
- **Private School Children with Disabilities:** Children with disabilities enrolled by a parent in a private elementary or secondary school

SMMUSD
Parentally Placed Private School Students with Disabilities:
K-12 FAQ
What do I need to know?

- The Tri-City SELPA is responsible for locating all students in elementary or secondary schools with disabilities or suspected of disabilities voluntarily enrolled by their parents.
- SMMUSD is part of a Greater Los Angeles Area SELPAs (GLASS) agreement indicating the District of Residence (DOR) will complete assessments for children attending private school.
- This information applies to parentally placed K-12 students only.

Frequently Asked Questions:

My student attends private school and already has an IEP, what are my options?

- You may agree to attend or request an annual IEP each year and triennial IEP every three years through the DOR.
- Your student may be re-evaluated every three years by the DOR.
- Your student would be eligible to receive a Service Plan (SP), which is consult time between the DOL and private school staff.

My student may have a disability and require an IEP, what are the next steps?

- Request a special education evaluation from DOR. In SMMUSD please contact private school liaison, Stacey Ovadya (info. on back). 
  *Information will be requested, including grade history, attendance, release of information to speak with private school, previous assessments, etc. in order to move forward.*
- If an assessment is appropriate, an assessment plan will be offered. Once the signed assessment plan is received, assessment will be completed within 60 days.
- An IEP meeting will be held at the DOR, to review assessments and determine eligibility. Private is invited.

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- SMMUSD (DOR) is responsible for the Service Plan, the IEP’s, and assessments.

My student attends private school in another city and lives in Santa Monica/Malibu- who is responsible?

- The DOL is responsible for the Service Plan and SMMUSD (DOR) is responsible for IEP’s and assessments.

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