Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans
COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize their obligation to provide a free appropriate public education to all individuals with disabilities, aged 3 to 21 years, who attend County Superintendent and County Board schools and for which the County Superintendent is the school district of special education accountability.

To meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, the County Superintendent shall participate as a member of a Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) with other local educational agencies (“LEAs”). (Education Code 56195.1.)

The County Superintendent shall enter into agreements with other members of the SELPA. (Education Code 56195.1, 56195.7.) Consistent with these agreements, the County Superintendent shall adopt policies governing the programs and services it operates for students for whom the County Superintendent is the school district of special education accountability.

The County Superintendent or designee shall work with the other members of the SELPA to develop a local plan for the education of individuals with disabilities. The plan shall be approved by the members of the SELPA and shall be submitted to the California Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 56195.9.)

The local plan shall be reviewed at least once every three years and updated as needed to ensure the information contained in the plan remains relevant and accurate. The local plan shall be updated in accordance with the law. (Education Code 56195.9.)

Special education programs and services shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The results of such evaluations shall be used to identify and correct any program deficiencies.

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Legal Reference

EDUCATION CODE
56000-56001 Education for individuals with exceptional needs
56020-56035 Definitions
56040-56046 General provisions
56048-56050 Surrogate parents
56055 Foster parents
56060-56063 Substitute teachers
56170-56177 Children enrolled in private schools
56190-56194 Community advisory committees
56195-56195.10 Local plans
56205-56208 Local plan requirements
56213 Special education local plan areas with small or sparse populations
56240-56245  Staff development
56300-56385  Identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning
56440-56447.1 Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years
56500-56508  Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
56520-56524  Behavioral interventions
56600-56606  Evaluation, audits and information
56836-56836.05 Administration of local plan

GOVERNMENT CODE
7579.5  Surrogate parent, appointment, qualifications, liability
95000-95029 California Early Intervention Services Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
361  Limitations on parental control
726  Limitations on parental control

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3000-3089 Regulations governing special education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g  Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
1400-1482  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794  Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213  Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.10-99.22  Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records
104.1-104.39  Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
300.1-300.818 Assistance to states for the education of children with disabilities, including:
300.500-300.520  Due process procedures for parents and children
303.1-303.654  Early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities

Management Resources

WEB SITES
California Department of Education, Special Education:
https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/#http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se
U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:
https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html

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