

IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Governing Board 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.

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.41 - Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a comprehensive **child find** system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, ~~and regular assessment,~~ and triennial assessment of individuals eligible for special education, as well as procedures for the planning, implementation, and review of the special education and related services provided to such individuals. (Education Code 56301)

The district's identification procedures shall include **systematic** methods for utilizing referrals from parents/guardians, teachers, **agencies,** appropriate professionals, and ~~others—other~~ **members of the public,** and shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students whose needs 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 right to consent to any assessment concerning their child. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals **for special education services who need special education services.** (Education Code 56301)

~~*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*~~
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)
(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)
(cf. 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

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:

56043 Timelines affecting special education programs

56195.8 Adoption of policies

56300-~~56304~~**56305** Identification of individuals with disabilities

56320-~~56331~~**56330** 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

56445 Transition to grade school; reassessment

56500-56509 Procedural safeguards

GOVERNMENT CODE

95000-95029.5 California Early Intervention Services Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3021-3029 Identification, referral and assessment

3030-3031 Eligibility criteria

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

1412 State eligibility

1415 Procedural safeguards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.35 Evaluation and placement

104.36 Procedural safeguards

300.1-300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

300.301-300.306 Evaluations and reevaluations

300.323 When IEPs must be in effect

300.502 Independent educational evaluation

FEDERAL REGISTER

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

COURT DECISIONS

Timothy O. v. Paso Robles Unified School District (9th Cir. 2016) 822 F.3d 1105

M.M. v. Lafayette School District (9th Cir. 2014) 767 F.3d 842

Compton Unified School District v. Addison, (9th Cir. 2010) 598 F.3d 1181

N.B. and C.B. v. Hellgate Elementary School District (9th Cir. 2008) 541 F.3d 1202

Hood v. Encinitas Union School District, (2007) 486 F.3d 1099

Management Resources: (see next page)

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Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California Practitioners' Guide for Educating English Learners with Disabilities, 2019

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Return to School Roadmap: Child Find Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, August 2021

Long COVID under Section 504 and the IDEA: A Resource to Support Children, Students, Educators, Schools, Service Providers, and Families, July 2021

A Response to Intervention (RTI) Process Cannot Be Used to Delay-Deny an Evaluation for Eligibility under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Memorandum 11-07, January 2011

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>

Policy
adopted:

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