COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The County Board of Education (CBE) desires to provide a free appropriate public education to all individuals with disabilities, aged 3 to 21 years, who reside within the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SCCOE), including children who have been suspended or expelled or placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered, and where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)

The special education local plan area (SELPA) shall administer a local plan and administer the allocation of funds. (Education Code 56195) In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the SCCOE participates as a member of the SELPA.

The Superintendent or designee shall extend the SCCOE's full cooperation to the SELPA. The policies and procedures of the SELPA shall be applied as policies and regulations of the SCCOE, with the exception of those that apply to complaints, unless the SELPA plan specifically authorizes the SCCOE to operate under its own policies and regulations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56000-56001 I	Education for individuals with exceptional needs
56020-56035 I	Definitions
56040-56046	General provisions
56048-56050	Surrogate parents
56055 Foster p	parents
56060-56063	Substitute teachers
56170-56177 (Children enrolled in private schools
56190-56194 (Community advisory committees
56195-56195.10	O Local plans
56205-56208 I	Local plan requirements
56213 Special education local plan areas with small or sparse populations	
56240-56245	Staff development
56300-56385 I	Identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning
56440-56447.1	Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years
56500-56508 I	Procedural safeguards, including due process rights
56520-56524 I	Behavioral interventions
56600-56606 I	Evaluation, audits and information
56836-56836.05	5 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

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: 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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