

Policy 6164.4: Identification And Evaluation Of Individuals For Special Education

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

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a comprehensive child find system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, 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 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 and students, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the right to consent to an assessment of the student. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and students of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals for special education services. (Education Code 56301)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 3021-3029	Identification, referral and assessment
5 CCR 3030-3031	Eligibility criteria
Ed. Code 44265.5	Professional preparation for teachers of impaired students
Ed. Code 56000-56885	Special education programs
Ed. Code 56043	Special education; timelines
Ed. Code 56195.8	Adoption of policies
Ed. Code 56300-56305	Identification of individuals with disabilities
Ed. Code 56320-56330	Assessment
Ed. Code 56333-56338	Eligibility for specific learning disabilities
Ed. Code 56340-56347	Individualized education program teams
Ed. Code 56362	Distribution of IEP assessments
Ed. Code 56381	Reassessment of students
Ed. Code 56425-56432	Early education for individuals with disabilities
Ed. Code 56441.11	Eligibility criteria; children 3-5 years of age
Ed. Code 56445	Transition to grade school; reassessment
Ed. Code 56500-56509	Procedural safeguards
Ed. Code 97	Emotional disability; definition
Gov. Code 95000-95029.5	California Early Intervention Services Act

Federal

20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 1400-1482	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
20 USC 1412	State eligibility
20 USC 1415	Procedural safeguards
34 CFR 104.35	Evaluation and placement
34 CFR 104.36	Procedural safeguards
34 CFR 300.1-300.818	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
34 CFR 300.301-300.306	Evaluations and reevaluations
34 CFR 300.323	When IEPs must be in effect
34 CFR 300.502	Independent educational evaluation of student with disability
34 CFR 300.504	Procedural safeguards notice for students with disabilities
34 CFR 303.1-303.734	Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

Management Resources

California Department of Education Publication	Proposed Tools and Process for the Early identification of Developmental Delays and Learning Disabilities, October 2023
California Department of Education Publication	California Practitioners' Guide for Educating English Learners with Disabilities, 2019
Court Decision	N.B. and C.B v. Hellgate Elementary School District (9th Cir. 2008) 541 F.3d 1202
Court Decision	Compton Unified School District v. Addison (9th Cir. 2010) 598 F.3d 1181
Court Decision	Timothy O. v. Paso Robles Unified School District (9th Cir. 2016) 822 F.3d 1105
Court Decision	M.M. v. Lafayette School District (9th Cir. 2014) 767 F.3d 842
Court Decision	Hood v. Encinitas Union School District (2007) 486 F.3d 1099
Federal Register	Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845
U.S. Department Of Education Publication	Long COVID under Section 504 and the IDEA: A Resource to Support Children, Students, Educators, Schools, Service Providers, and Families, July 2021
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Guidance on State General Supervision Responsibilities under Parts B and C of IDEA, July 2023
U.S. Department of Education Publication	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
Website	State Department of Developmental Services
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education, Special Education
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
Website	CSBA

Cross References

0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
0430	Comprehensive Local Plan For Special Education
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0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan
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1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E PDF(1)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
3541.2	Transportation For Students With Disabilities
3541.2	Transportation For Students With Disabilities
3552	Summer Meal Program
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4112.23	Special Education Staff
5144.2	Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E PDF(2)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5148	Child Care And Development
5148	Child Care And Development
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education
6120	Response To Instruction And Intervention
6146.4	Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities
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6159	Individualized Education Program
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6159.1	Procedural Safeguards And Complaints For Special Education
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6159.2	Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education
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6159.3	Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students
6159.3	Appointment Of Surrogate Parent For Special Education Students
6162.5	Student Assessment
6162.51	State Academic Achievement Tests
6162.51	State Academic Achievement Tests
6163.2	Animals At School
6163.2	Animals At School
6164.41	Children With Disabilities Enrolled By Their Parents In Private School
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6164.5	Student Success Teams
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6164.6	Identification And Education Under Section 504

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