

Riverside County Office of Education
BP 6159.2 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services For Special Education

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee (County Superintendent) may contract with state-certified nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies (NPS/A) to provide special education services or facilities when an appropriate public education program is not available.

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Individuals with Disabilities)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals for Special Education)

When entering into agreements with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies, the County Superintendent shall consider the needs of the individual student and the recommendations of the individualized education program (IEP) team.

Prior to entering into a contract to place any student in an NPS/A, the County Superintendent shall verify that the school or agency is certified to provide special education and related services to individuals with disabilities and complies with staff training requirements in accordance with Education Code 56366 and 56366.1. In addition, the County Superintendent shall monitor, on an ongoing basis, the certification of any NPS/A with which the County Office of Education (County Office) has a contract to ensure that the certification has not expired.

No County Office student with a disability shall be referred to, or placed in, an NPS/A unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that the placement is appropriate for the student. (Education Code 56342.1)

The County Office shall pay to the NPS/A the full amount of the tuition or fees, as applicable, for students with disabilities who are enrolled in programs or receiving services provided by the NPS/A pursuant to the contract. (Education Code 56365)

In accordance with law, any student with disabilities placed in an NPS/A shall have all the rights and protections to which students with disabilities are generally entitled, including, but not limited to, procedural safeguards, due process rights, and periodic review of the student's IEP.

During the period when any student with disabilities is placed in an NPS/A, the student's IEP team shall retain responsibility for monitoring the student's progress towards meeting the goals identified in the IEP.

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The County Superintendent shall ensure that any contract with an NPS/A contains a requirement for the NPS/A to comply with County Office policy, procedures, and practices related to student rights, health, and safety, including the use of seclusion and restraint. All NPS/A staff that serve County Office students shall be made aware of, and trained in such policies, procedures, and practices.

The County Superintendent may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive any of the requirements of Education Code 56365, 56366, and 56366.6. (Education Code 56366.2)

Legal References:**EDUCATION CODE**

56034-56035 Definitions of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency
 56042 Placement not to be recommended by attorney with conflict of interest
 56101 Waivers
 56163 Certification
 56168 Responsibility for education of student in hospital or health facility school
 56195.8 Adoption of policies
 56360-56370 Implementation of special education
 56711 Computation of state aid
 56740-56743 Apportionments and reports
 56760 Annual budget plan; service proportions
 56775.5 Reimbursement of assessment and identification costs

GOVERNMENT CODE

7570-7588 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:

7572.55 Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement

FAMILY CODE

7911-7912 Interstate compact on placement of children

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

362.2 Out-of-home placement for IEP
 727.1 Out-of-state placement of wards of court

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3001 Definitions
 3061-3069 Nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400 - 1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.400 - 300.487 Children with disabilities in private schools

COURT DECISIONS

Agostini v. Felton, (1997) 521 U.S. 203, 117 S.Ct. 1997

Management Resources:**CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES**

0317.99 Nonpublic School/Agency Waivers and Reimbursement to Parents

FEDERAL REGISTER

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34 CFR 300.a Appendix A to Part 300 - Questions and Answers

34 CFR 300.a1 Attachment 1: Analysis of Comments and Changes

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

US Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS>