



Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) I, II, III, IV, and VII

Information for Parents

The Law

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) and the California Education Code guarantee all identified students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/lr/ideareathztn.asp>

Parents' Rights

A complete copy of "Parent's Rights and Procedural Safeguards for Special Education" can be obtained from the District Director of Special Education/Pupil Services, the Santa Clara County SELPA Director, or from the State Department of Education at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/fp/>. They are also available on the SELPA website: <http://selpa.sccoe.org>

Child Find

All children with disabilities residing in the SELPA including children with disabilities who are homeless or are foster youth and children with disabilities attending private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, shall be identified, located, and assessed. (EC 56301)

Referrals for assessments may come from parents, teachers, agencies, and appropriate professional persons. A referral for special education is made only after the resources of general education have been considered and, when appropriate, utilized. (EC 56303)

Assessment

Students are assessed in all areas of suspected disability. Written parental consent must be obtained prior to an assessment.

Disabilities

- Autism
- Emotional disturbance
- Visual impairments, including blindness*
- Mental retardation
- Orthopedic impairment*
- Other health impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Speech and language impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Multiple Disabilities
- Deaf*
- Deaf/Blindness*
- Hard of Hearing*

* - indicates Low Incidence disability

Continuum of Special Education and Related Services for Identified Students

- General education with supplementary aids and services
- General education with related services
- General education with non-intensive specialized academic instruction
- General education with intensive specialized academic instruction
- Special classes and centers
- Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools
- State special schools
- Home instruction

Related services include but are not limited to:

- Speech and language
- Audiological services
- Orientation and mobility
- Adapted physical education
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Vision services
- Health and nursing services
- Vocational and career development
- Counseling and psychological services
- Parent counseling and training
- Recreation services
- Services for pupils with chronic illness
- Services for deaf and hard of hearing
- Home and hospital instruction

Early Start

Early Start Programs are to be provided by the Santa Clara County Office of Education in collaboration with San Andreas Regional Center and other public and nonpublic agencies.

What is an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)?

An IFSP will be developed for children from ages 0-3. The IFSP will identify services for the family as well as the child.

What is an Individualized Education Program (IEP)?

Following an assessment, an IEP Team meeting takes place. Participants include parents, teachers, administrators and other individuals and, if appropriate, the child. If the IEP Team determines that the student is eligible for and needs special education, an IEP is developed to address the student's needs. The IEP Team will identify: present levels of academic achievement and functional performance, areas of need, goals to address, and special education and related services that provide maximum interaction with typically developing peers.

Beginning at age 16 and annually thereafter, a statement of needed transition services shall be included in the student's IEP. The IEP will include transition language and measurable post-secondary goals to facilitate a smooth transition from school to adult life.

Written parental consent is required prior to IEP implementation.

The IEP Team meets annually to review the IEP. The parent or any member of the IEP Team may request an IEP Team meeting at any time.

Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC)

Each SELPA has a Community Advisory Committee. The CAC is composed of parents of students with disabilities, special education personnel and other agency personnel. The CAC provides school districts and the SELPAs with community input regarding the development and implementation of the Local Plans.

The Santa Clara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPAs)

There are six Special Education Local Plans Areas (SELPAs) in Santa Clara County. Five of the SELPAs are within Northwest (NW) Santa Clara County and their Administrative Unit (AU) is the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). These are SELPAs I, II, III, IV, & VII. The districts in each of these SELPAs are listed below.

The sixth SELPA covers school districts within Southeast (SE) Santa Clara County, and they are under the South East Consortium for Special Education.

The SCCOE is a member of all of the SELPAs.

Each of the SELPAs has a Local Plan. Every year an annual budget plan and service delivery plan are presented at a public hearing.

For additional information, contact the appropriate school district or SELPA Director.

NW Santa Clara SELPA Administrative Unit (SELPAs I, II, III, IV, & VII)		(408) 453-6566
SELPA I	SELPA II	
Los Altos SD (650) 917-0576	Cupertino Union SD (408) 343-2817	
Mountain View Whisman SD (650) 969-1167	Fremont Union HSD (408) 749-8022	
Mountain View-Los Altos UHSD (650) 691-2492	Sunnyvale SD (408) 522-8336	
Palo Alto Unified SD (650) 833-4265		
SELPA III		
Cambrian SD (408) 377-5944	Los Gatos-Saratoga JUHSD (408) 354-6278	
Campbell Union SD (408) 341-7250	Luther Burbank SD (408) 295-3168	
Campbell Union High SD (408) 558-3006	Moreland SD (408) 374-8367	
Lakeside Joint SD (408) 354-8819	Saratoga Union SD (408) 867-3424	
Loma Prieta Joint Union SD (408) 353-8051	Union SD (408) 559-9357	
Los Gatos Union SD (408) 395-6481		
SELPA IV	SELPA VII	
San Jose Unified (408) 279-3685	Santa Clara Unified (408) 423-2381	
South East Consortium for Special Education (SE Santa Clara SELPA)		(408) 532-9311