

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy 6159.2

Instruction

Nonpublic Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

The Board recognizes its responsibility to provide all district students, including students with disabilities, a free appropriate public education in accordance with law. When the district is unable to provide direct special education and/or related services to students with disabilities, the Board may enter into a contract with other nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies to meet the students' needs.

In selecting nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies with which the district may contract for the placement of any district student with disabilities, the Superintendent or designee shall follow the procedures specified in law and accompanying administrative regulation.

Prior to entering into a contract to place any student in a nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agency, the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the school or agency is certified to provide special education and related services to individuals with disabilities in accordance with Education Code 56366. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall monitor, on an ongoing basis, the certification of any nonpublic, nonsectarian school with which the district has a contract to ensure that the school or agency's certification has not expired.

No district student shall be placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that an appropriate public education alternative does not exist and that the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency placement is appropriate for the student. In accordance with law, any student with disabilities placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall have all the rights and protections to which students with disabilities are generally entitled, including, but not limited to, the procedural safeguards, due process rights, and periodic review of his/her IEP.

During the period when any student with disabilities is placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, the student's IEP team shall retain responsibility for monitoring the student's progress towards meeting the goals identified in his/her IEP.

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
56342.1 Individualized education program; placement
56360-56369 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
Family Code
7911-7912 Interstate compact on placement of children
Government Code
7570-7587 Interagency responsibilities for providing services to children with disabilities, especially:
7572.55 Seriously emotionally disturbed child; out-of-state placement
Welfare and Institutions Code
362.2 Out-of-home placement of IEP
727.1 Out-of-state placement of wards of court
Code of Regulations, Title 5
3001 Definitions
3060-3070 Nonpublic nonsectarian school and agency services
United States Code, Title 20
1400-1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34
300.129-300.148 Children with disabilities in private schools
Court Decisions
Agostini v. Felton, (1997) 521` U.S. 203, 117 S.Ct. 1997
Management Resources:
Federal Register
Rules and Regulations, August 14, 2006, Vol. 71, Number 156, pages 46539-46845

Web Sites

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and

Rehabilitative Services: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers>

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