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The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize the need to identify and evaluate county residents, from birth to age 21, who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish a comprehensive system that includes procedures for the identification, screening, referral, and assessment of individuals eligible for special education, as well as procedures for the planning, implementation, and review of the education and related services provided to such individuals.

Identification procedures shall include methods for utilizing referrals from parents/guardians, teachers, appropriate professionals, and others, and shall be coordinated with procedures followed in the school programs under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools for the referral of students whose needs cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review, including the right to consent to any assessment concerning their child. In addition, the County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall notify parents/guardians of procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services.

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Board Policy No.: 1312, 6157, 6159, 6159.1, 6159.3

Administrative Regulation No.: 1312.3, 6157, 6159, 6159.1, 6159.2, 6159.3

Legal Reference: Education Code
56000 – 56885
California Code of Regulations, Title 5
3021 - 3029, 3030 - 3031
United States Code, Title 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34
104.35, 104.36, 300.1 – 300.818

Management Resources:

California Department of Education, Special Education: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se
U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep