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SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ASSURANCES

1. Free Appropriate Public Education 20 United States Code (USC) Section (§) 1412 (a)(1)

It shall be the policy of this local educational agency (LEA) that a free appropriate public education is available to all children residing in the LEA between the ages of three through 21 inclusive, including students with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled from school.

2. Full Educational Opportunity 20 USC § 1412 (a)(2)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that all pupils with disabilities have access to educational programs, nonacademic programs, and services available to non-disabled pupils.

3. Child Find 20 USC § 1412 (a)(3)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that all children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the State and children attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located and evaluated. A practical method is developed and implemented to determine which students with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services.

4. Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) 20 USC § 1412 (a)(4)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed, reviewed and revised for each child with a disability who requires special education and related services in order to benefit from his/her individualized education program. It shall be the policy of this LEA that a review of

an IEP will be conducted on at least an annual basis to review a student's progress and make appropriate revisions.

5. Least Restrictive Environment 20 USC § 1412 (a)(5)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are not disabled. Special class, separate schooling, or other removal of a student with disabilities from the general educational environment, occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability of the student is such that education in general classes with the use of supplemental aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

6. Procedural Safeguards 20 USC § 1412 (a)(6)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that children with disabilities and their parents shall be afforded all procedural safeguards throughout the provision of a free appropriate public education including the identification, evaluation, and placement process.

7. Evaluation 20 USC § 1412 (a)(7)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that a reassessment of a student with a disability shall be conducted at least once every three years or more frequently, if appropriate.

8. Confidentiality 20 USC § 1412 (a)(8)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that the confidentiality of personally identifiable data information and records maintained by the LEA relating to children with disabilities and their parents and families shall be protected pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

9. Part C, Transition 20 USC § 1412 (a)(9)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that a transition process for a child who is participating in Early Intervention Programs (IDEA, Part C) with an IFSP is begun prior to a toddler's third birthday. The transition process shall be smooth, timely and effective for the child and family.

10. Private Schools 20 USC § 1412 (a)(10)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to assure that children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled by their parents in private schools shall receive appropriate special education and related services pursuant to LEA coordinated procedures. The proportionate amount of federal funds will be allocated for the purpose of providing special education services to children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private school by their parents.

11. Local Compliance Assurances 20 USC § 1412 (a)(11)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that the local plan shall be adopted by the appropriate local board(s) (district/county) and is the basis for the operation and administration of special education programs; and that the agency(ies) herein represented will meet all applicable requirements of state and federal laws and regulations, including compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 of Public Law and the provisions of the *California Education Code*, Part 30.

12. Interagency 20 USC § 1412 (a)(12)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that interagency agreements or other mechanisms for interagency coordination are in effect to ensure services required for FAPE are provided, including the continuation of services during an interagency dispute resolution process.

13. Governance 20 USC § 1412 (a)(13)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to support and comply with the provisions of the governance bodies and any necessary administrative support to implement the Local Plan. A final determination that an LEA is not eligible for assistance under this part will not be made without first affording that LEA with reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing through the State Educational Agency.

14. Personnel Qualifications 20 USC § 1412 (a)(14)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to ensure that personnel providing special education related services meet the highly qualified requirements as defined under federal law, including that those personnel have the content knowledge and skills to serve children with disabilities.

This policy shall not be construed to create a right of action on behalf of an individual student for the failure of a particular LEA staff person to be highly qualified or to prevent a parent from filing a State complaint with the California Department of Education (CDE) about staff qualifications.

15. Performance Goals and Indicators 20 USC § 1412 (a)(15)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to comply with the requirements of the performance goals and indicators developed by the CDE and provide data as required by the CDE.

16. Participation in Assessments 20 USC § 1412 (a)(16)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that all students with disabilities shall participate in state and district-wide assessment programs. The IEP team determines how a student will access assessments with or without accommodations, or access alternate assessments, consistent with state standards governing such determinations.

17. Supplementation of State/Federal Funds 20 USC § 1412 (a)(17)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to provide assurances that funds received from Part B of the IDEA will be expended in accordance with the applicable provisions of the IDEA; will be used to supplement and not to supplant state, local and other Federal funds those funds.

18. Maintenance of Effort 20 USC § 1412 (a)(18)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that federal funds will not be used to reduce the level of local funds and/or combined level of local and state funds expended for the education of children with disabilities except as provided in Federal law and regulations.

19. Public Participation 20 USC § 1412 (a)(19)

It shall be the policy of this LEA that public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities are held prior to the adoption of any policies and/or regulations needed to comply with Part B of the IDEA.

20. Rule of Construction 20 USC § 1412 (a)(20)

(Federal requirement for State Education Agency only)

21. State Advisory Panel 20 USC § 1412 (a)(21)

(Federal requirement for State Education Agency only)

22. SUSPENSION/EXPULSION 20 USC § 1412 (a)(22)

The LEA assures that data on suspension and expulsion rates will be provided in a manner prescribed by the CDE. When indicated by data analysis, the LEA further assures that policies, procedures and practices related to the development and implementation of the IEPs will be revised.

23. Access to Instructional Materials 20 USC § 1412 (a)(23)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to provide instructional materials to blind students or other students with print disabilities in a timely manner according to the state adopted National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard.

24. Overidentification and Disproportionality 20 USC § 1412 (a)(24)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to prevent the inappropriate disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of students with disabilities.

25. Prohibition on Mandatory Medicine 20 USC § 1412 (a)(25)

It shall be the policy of this LEA to prohibit school personnel from requiring a student to obtain a prescription for a substance covered by the Controlled Substances Act as a condition of attending school or receiving a special education assessment and/or services.

26. Distribution Of Funds 20 USC § 1411(e),(f)(1-3)

(Federal requirement for State Education Agency only)

In accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations,

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Special Education Local Plan Area [SELPA]/District name)

certifies that this plan has been adopted by the appropriate local board(s) (district/county) and is the basis for the operation and administration of special education programs; and that the agency herein represented will meet all applicable requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and state policies and procedures, including compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 *United States Code (USC)* 1400 et seq, and implementing regulations under 34 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*, Parts 300 and 303, 29 *USC* 794, 705 (20), 794- 794b, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the provisions of the *California Education Code*, Part 30 and Chapter 3, Division 1 of Title V of the *California Code of Regulations*.

Be it further resolved, the local educational agency (LEA) superintendent shall administer the local implementation of procedures, in accordance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, which will ensure full compliance.

Furthermore, the LEA superintendent ensures that policies and procedures covered by this assurance statement are on file at the LEA and the SELPA office.

Adopted this 12 day of November, 20 15.

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Signed: 

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