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SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA



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Participating Local Educational Agencies

Participating local educational agencies (LEAs) included in the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) local plan must be identified in Attachment I.

Special Education Local Plan Area—Local Plan Requirements

1. Describe the geographic service area covered by the local plan:

The El Dorado Charter SELPA is composed of local educational agency charters (LEAs) located inside and outside the geographic boundaries of El Dorado County. The El Dorado Charter SELPA has designated the El Dorado County Office of Education as the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) and the County Superintendent of Schools as the Superintendent of the RLA/AU. It is the intent of the El Dorado Charter SELPA to provide options for charter schools in terms of SELPA membership. While it is always preferable for a charter school to participate with their geographic SELPA, the Charter SELPA has been developed to allow for a viable alternative for SELPA membership within the State of California.

2. Describe the SELPA regional governance and administrative structure of the local plan. Clearly define the roles and structure of a multi-LEA governing body, or single LEA administration as applicable:

Upon entry into the Charter SELPA, the governing board for each LEA charter shall approve the Agreement for Participation and the Local Plan for Special Education. The Charter SELPA Local Plan is approved by the SELPA governing board (CEO Council) with review from the County Superintendent of Schools for El Dorado County.

Amendments to the Local Plan to revise LEA membership shall be approved through the process as identified in Charter SELPA policies.

The CEO Council will hold the required public hearings and approve the Annual Service Plan and the Annual Budget Plan.

As described within the Local Plan and adopted policies of the Charter SELPA, the Boards of Education delegates the ongoing policy-making process, the Allocation Plan process, and administrative procedures for carrying out that responsibility to the governance structure of the Charter SELPA.

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3. Describe the SELPA's regional policy making process. Clearly define the roles of a multi-LEA governing body, or single LEA administration as applicable related to the policy making process for coordinating and implementing the local plan:

The Charter SELPA CEO Council membership consists of the CEO or designee of each charter LEA member. Each charter LEA member has one vote. Organization partners that operate more than one charter school, may have a single representative for all schools operated, but such representative shall have a number of votes equal to the number of charter LEAs represented.

Charter SELPA CEO Council meetings are subject to California Open Meeting laws, specifically the Brown Act (Government Code 54950-54963), which requires that CEO Council members conduct business at properly noticed and agendized public meetings.

A majority of the LEAs present at a regularly scheduled and posted CEO Council meeting shall constitute a quorum.

The Charter SELPA CEO Council will meet regularly with the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools and/or designee to direct and supervise the implementation of the Local Plan. The Council has exclusive authority to make and take all reasonable and appropriate steps to implement all decisions which may have a material effect on any and/or all Charter SELPA policies, practices, operations, organization, services, functions, and any other purpose related to the purpose for which the Charter SELPA is established. A minimum of two meetings per year will be held.

The Charter SELPA CEO Council is responsible to approve Charter SELPA policies and administrative regulations.

The Charter SELPA CEO Council is responsible to approve the Allocation Plan, which is the framework for distribution of funds within the Charter SELPA.

Material changes to the Local Plan, other than for membership changes, shall be approved by the Charter SELPA CEO Council and reviewed by the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools.

4. Clearly define the roles of the County Office of Education (COE) as applicable, and/or any other administrative supports necessary to coordinate and implement the local plan:

The El Dorado Charter SELPA has designated the El Dorado County Office of Education as the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) and the County Superintendent of Schools as the Superintendent of the RLA/AU. The Charter SELPA administrative unit coordinates and implements the local plan under the supervision of the County Superintendent

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5. Describe the policies and procedures of the SELPA that allow for the participation of charter schools in the local plan:

Per CEO Council Policy 22, any charter school may apply to the Charter SELPA to become an LEA member of the SELPA. The Charter SELPA will establish an annual timeline for submission of applications. Once granted membership, the charter LEA will participate in the governance of the SELPA in the same manner as all other charter LEA members in the SELPA. The timeline for submission may be amended by the Charter SELPA RLA/AU Superintendent/designee for unique circumstances, including State Board of Education charter approvals. The applicant, not an expansion of an existing member, will be deemed a member of the SELPA upon approval of the Charter SELPA Selection Committee. The applicant charter LEA board must also take action to approve membership. The Charter SELPA Selection Committee will inform the CEO Council members of their decision. Applications for additional schools of a current Charter SELPA member, shall be approved by the Charter SELPA RLA/AU Designee, pursuant to AR 22, and are not required to be reviewed by the Charter SELPA Selection Committee. Because they are current members, the Charter SELPA RLA/AU Designee has significant documentation available to assess the new charter LEA capacity. The applicant member, an expansion of an existing member, will be deemed a member of the SELPA after approval by the Charter SELPA RLA/AU Designee. The applicant member charter LEA board must also take action to approve membership.

6. Identify and describe the representation and participation of the SELPA community advisory committee (CAC) pursuant to EC Section 56190 in the development of the local plan:

The Community Advisory Committee shall be composed of parents of individuals with exceptional needs, enrolled in public or private schools, parents of other pupils enrolled in school, pupils and adults with disabilities, regular education teachers, special education teachers and other school personnel, representatives of other public and private agencies, and persons concerned with the needs of individuals with exceptional needs. Terms of CAC participation are outlined in the CAC bylaws.

Because of the geographic diversity within the El Dorado Charter SELPA, meetings may take place through teleconference. For purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting where the members are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio, video, or both.

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7. Describe the SELPA's process for regular consultations regarding the plan development with representative of special education and regular education teachers, and administrators selected by the groups they represent and parent members of the CAC:

The purpose of the Community Advisory Committee shall be to act in support of individuals with exceptional needs by representing broad interests in the community and promoting maximum interaction of parents and community members with the the LEA charter schools in accordance with the Education Code and the El Dorado Charter Local Plan. Per the CAC bylaws, the Community Advisory Committee may be composed of parents of individuals with exceptional needs, enrolled in public or private schools, parents of other pupils enrolled in school, pupils and adults with disabilities, regular education teachers, special education teachers and other school personnel, representatives of other public and private agencies, and persons concerned with the needs of individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to EC Section 56193. Through the regularly scheduled CAC meetings, the SELPA will ensure that the development, amendment, and review of the Local Plan pursuant to EC sections 56205(a)(12)(E) and 56194. The CAC will be given at least 30 days to conduct a review. The SELPA shall review and consider comments from the CAC pursuant to EC section 56205(b)(7).

8. Identify and describe the responsible local agency (RLA), Administrative Unit (AU), or other agency who is responsible for performing tasks such as the receipt and distribution of funds, provision of administrative support, and coordination and implementation of the plan:

The El Dorado Charter SELPA has designated the El Dorado County Office of Education as the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) and the County Superintendent of Schools as the Superintendent of the RLA/AU. The Superintendent oversees the SELPA administrative staff in the receipt and distribution of funds, provision of administrative support, and the coordination and implementation of the SELPA Allocation and Local Plans.

9. Describe the contractual agreements and the SELPA's system for determining the responsibility of participating agency for the education of each student with special needs residing within the geographical area served by the plan:

As members of the El Dorado Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), each charter (as identified by the CDS (County, District, School) code issued by the State Board of Education) is considered an LEA (Local Education Agency) for purposes of special education. Each charter school, as their own LEA for special education accountability is responsible for the students within their jurisdiction including any and all contractual agreements. There are no additional contractual agreements that supersede education code.

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10. For multi-LEA local plans, specify:

a. The responsibilities of each participating COE and LEA governing board in the policymaking process:

The Charter SELPA CEO Council membership consists of the CEO or designee of each charter LEA member. Each charter LEA member has one vote. Organization partners that operate more than one charter school may have a single representative for all schools operated, but such representative shall have a number of votes equal to the number of charter LEAs represented.

Charter SELPA CEO Council meetings are subject to California Open Meeting laws, specifically, the Brown Act (Government Code 54950-54963), which requires that CEO Council members conduct business at properly noticed and agendized public meetings.

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The Charter SELPA CEO Council is responsible for approving Charter SELPA policies and administrative regulations.

The Charter SELPA CEO Council is responsible for approving the Allocation Plan, which is the framework for distribution of funds within the Charter SELPA.

b. The responsibilities of the superintendents of each participating LEA and COE in the implementation of the local plan:

The El Dorado Charter SELPA has designated the El Dorado County Office of Education as the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) and the County Superintendent of Schools as the Superintendent of the RLA/AU. The Charter SELPA administrative unit coordinates and implements the local plan under the supervision of the County Superintendent of Schools. Each LEA CEO representative is responsible per the SELPA Participation Agreement for the review and implementation of the local plan.

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- c. The responsibilities of each LEA and COE for coordinating the administration of the local plan:

Upon entry into the Charter SELPA, the governing board for each LEA charter shall approve the Agreement for Participation and the Local Plan for Special Education. The Charter SELPA Local Plan is approved by the CEO Council and reviewed by the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools. Each Charter LEA and the COE as the RLA/AU is responsible for the coordination of the administration of the local plan. Adopted policies of the Charter SELPA, the LEAs Boards of Education delegates the ongoing policy-making process, the Allocation Plan process, and administrative procedures for carrying out that responsibility to the governance structure of the Charter SELPA.

- 11. Identify the respective roles of the RLA/AU, the SELPA administrator, and the individual LEAs associated with the SELPA related to:

- a. The hiring, supervision, evaluation, and discipline of the SELPA administrator and staff employed by the AU in support of the local plan:

The El Dorado County Office of Education Superintendent of Schools, as the RLA/AU, is responsible for the hiring, supervision, evaluation, and discipline of the SELPA administrator and staff employed by the RLA/AU.

- b. The local method used to distribute federal and state funds to the SELPA RLA/AU and to LEAs within the SELPA:

Funds received by the El Dorado Charter SELPA from Part B of the IDEA shall be expended in accordance with the applicable provisions of the IDEA and shall be used to supplement, and not to supplant State, local and other Federal funds.

State and federal funds received by the RLA/AU and El Dorado Charter SELPA are allocated and distributed among the local educational agencies in the SELPA, according to the El Dorado Charter SELPA adopted Allocation Plan.

- c. The operation of special education programs: education programs:

The Charter LEA shall ensure that the individualized education program team for any student with a disability includes the following members:

1. One or both of the student's parents/guardians, and/or a representative selected by the parent/guardian.
2. If the student is or may be participating in the regular education program, at least one regular education teacher. If more than one regular education teacher is providing instructional services to the student, the Charter LEA may designate one such teacher to represent the others.

3. At least one special education teacher or, where appropriate, at least one special education provider working with the student
4. A representative of the Charter LEA who is:
 - a. Qualified to provide or supervise the provision of specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.
 - b. Knowledgeable about the general education curriculum.
 - c. Knowledgeable about the availability of Charter LEA and/or special education local plan area (SELPA) resources.
 - d. Has the authority to commit Charter LEA resources and ensure that whatever services are set out in the IEP will be provided.
5. An individual who can interpret the instructional implications of assessment results This individual may already be a member of the team as described in items 2-4 above or in item 6 below.
Note: Pursuant to Education Code 56341 and 34 CFR 300.321, the determination as to whether an individual identified in item 6 below has "knowledge or special expertise" must be made by the party (either the Charter LEA or parent) who invited the individual to the IEP team meeting.
6. At the discretion of the parent/guardian or Charter LEA, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel, as appropriate (The determination of whether the individual has knowledge or special expertise regarding the student shall be made by the party who invites the individual to be a member of the IEP team. (Ed. Code § 56341)
7. Whenever appropriate, the student with a disability
8. For transition service participants:
 - a. The student, of any age, with a disability if the purpose of the meeting is the consideration of the student's postsecondary goals and the transition services needed to assist the student in reaching those goals. If the student does not attend the IEP team meeting, the Charter LEA shall take other steps to ensure that the student's preferences and interests are considered.
 - b. To the extent appropriate, and with the consent of the parent/guardian, a representative of any other agency that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for transition services.
 - c. If a representative of a local agency has been invited but does not attend the meeting, the Charter LEA shall take steps to obtain participation of the agency in the planning of any transition services. (Ed. Code § 56341)
9. For students suspected of having a specific learning disability at least one individual who is qualified to conduct individual diagnostic examinations of the student, such as a school psychologist, speech language pathologist, or remedial reading teacher. In addition, at least one team member other than the student's regular education teacher shall observe the student's academic performance in the regular classroom setting. If the student is younger than five years or not enrolled in school, a team member shall observe the child in an environment appropriate for a child of that age. 34 CFR §§ 300.308, 300.542; Ed Code § 56341);
10. For students who have been placed in a group home by the juvenile court, a representative of the group home
11. If a student with a disability is identified as potentially requiring mental health services, the Charter LEA may request the participation of the county mental health program in the IEP team

meeting. (Ed. Code § 56331)

(20 USC § 1414(d)(1); 34 CFR § 300.321; Ed. Code §§ 56341, 56341.2, 56341.5)

Excusal of Team Member

A member of the IEP team shall not be required to attend an IEP team meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent/guardian consents and the Charter LEA agrees, in writing, that the attendance of the member is not necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed at the meeting. If the meeting involves a discussion of the member's area of the curriculum or related service, the IEP team member may be excused from the meeting if the parent/guardian consents in writing to the excusal and the member submits to the parent/guardian and team written input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting. (20 USC § 1414(d)(1)(C); 34 CFR § 300.321; Ed. Code 56341)

Parent/Guardian Participation and Other Rights

The Charter CEO or designee shall take steps to ensure that one or both of the parents/guardians of the student with a disability are present at each IEP team meeting or are afforded the opportunity to participate. These steps shall include, at minimum, notifying the parents/guardians of the meeting early enough to ensure that they will have the opportunity to attend and scheduling the meeting at a mutually agreed upon time and place. (34 CFR § 300.322; Ed. Code 56341.5)

The Charter CEO or designee shall send parents/guardians a notice of the IEP team meeting that:

1. Indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting
2. Indicate who will be in attendance at the meeting
3. For students beginning at age 16 (or younger than 16 if deemed appropriate by the IEP team):
 - a. Indicate that the purpose of the meeting will be the consideration of postsecondary goals and transition services for the student as required by 20 USC, section 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(VIII), 34 CFR, section 300.320(b), and Education Code, section 56345.1
 - b. Indicate that the Charter LEA will invite the student to the IEP team meeting
 - c. Identify any other agency that will be invited to send a representative

At each IEP team meeting convened by the Charter LEA, the Charter LEA administrator or specialist on the team shall provide the parent/guardian and student of the federal and state procedural safeguards (Ed. Code § 56321, 56500.1)

Before any IEP meeting, the parent/guardian shall have the right and opportunity to request to examine all of his/her child's school records. Upon receipt of an oral or written request, the Charter LEA shall provide complete copies of the records within five business days. (Ed. Code § 56043)

If neither parent/guardian can attend the meeting, the Charter CEO or designee shall use other methods to ensure parent/guardian participation, including video conferences or individual or conference telephone calls. (20 USC 1414(f); 34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56341.5)

An IEP team meeting may be conducted without a parent/guardian in attendance if the Charter LEA is unable to convince the parent/guardian that he/she should attend. In such a case, the Charter LEA shall maintain a record of its attempts to arrange a mutually agreed upon time and place for the meeting, including, but not limited to: (34 CFR § 300.322; Ed. Code § 56341.5)

1. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls

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- 2. Copies of correspondence sent to the parent/guardian and any responses received
- 3. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits. Parents/guardians and the Charter LEA shall have the right to audiotape the proceedings of IEP team meetings, provided members of the IEP team are notified of this intent at least 24 hours before the meeting. If the Charter LEA gives notice of intent to audiotape a meeting and the parent/guardian objects or refuses to attend because the meeting would be audiotaped, the meeting shall not be audiotaped. Audiotape recordings made by a LEA, SELPA, or county office are subject to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g).

Parents/guardians have the right to:

- 1. Inspect and review the audiotapes
- 2. Request that the audiotapes be amended if the parents/guardians believe they contain information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights
- 3. Challenge, in a hearing, information that the parents/guardians believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights or other rights (Education Code 56341.1)

The Charter LEA shall take any action necessary to ensure that the parents/guardians understand the proceedings of the meeting, including arranging for an interpreter for parents/guardians with deafness or whose native language is not English. (34 CFR 300.322; Education Code 56345.1)

The Charter LEA shall provide the parents/guardians of a student with disabilities a copy of his/her child's IEP at no cost. (34 CFR 300.322).

The Charter LEA shall adhere to all Federal (IDEA) and State (Education Code) laws regarding the provision of special education programs and services for students that qualify for special education per the IEP process outlined above.

- d. Monitoring the appropriate use of federal, state, and local funds allocated for special education programs:

The El Dorado County Office of Education is the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) for the Charter SELPA. Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 56030 et seq., the RLA/AU shall receive and distribute regionalized service funds, provide administrative support and coordinate the implementation of the El Dorado Charter Local Plan for Special Education and the CEO Council approved Allocation Plan. The RLA/AU shall perform such services and functions required to accomplish the goals set forth in the plans, including development of the Annual Service and Budget Plans.

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12. Describe how specialized equipment and services will be distributed within the SELPA in a manner that minimizes the necessity to serve students in isolated sites and maximizes the opportunities to serve students in the least restrictive environments:

Specialized equipment and services is provided at the school site associated with the Charter LEA, where the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team has determined is the most appropriate free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

Policies, Procedures, and Programs

Pursuant to *EC* sections 56122 and 56205(a), the SELPA ensures conformity with Title 20 *United States Code (USC)* and in accordance with Title 34 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* Section 300.201 and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs. For each of the following 23 areas, identify whether, or not each of the following provisions of law are adopted as stated. If the policy is not adopted as stated, briefly describe the SELPA's policy for the given area. In all cases, provide the SELPA policy and procedure numbers; the document title; and the physical location where the policy can be found.

1. Free Appropriate Public Education: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(1)

Policy/Procedure Number:
Document Title:
Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA that a free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities residing in the LEA between the ages of 3 and 21, inclusive, including children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled from school." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

2. Full Educational Opportunity: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(2)

Policy/Procedure Number:
Document Title:
Document Location:

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"It shall be the policy of this LEA that all children with disabilities have access to educational programs, non-academic programs, and services available to non-disabled children." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

3. Child Find: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(3)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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 with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated. A practical method has been developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

The Governing Board of each member LEA recognizes the need to actively seek out and evaluate school age Charter LEA residents who have disabilities, in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

Charter schools are currently authorized to serve school-aged students (grades K-12). If at any time the authorization changes, the charter schools would follow all state and federal laws regarding children from age 0-2 and Child Find. Charter schools will assist families and make appropriate referrals for any students they find who would be outside the age or area of responsibility of the Charter schools.

The Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee shall follow SELPA procedures to determine when an individual is eligible for special education services and shall implement the SELPA procedures for special education program identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review, and triennial assessment. (Education Code 56301) The Charter LEAs' process shall prevent the inappropriate disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of students with disabilities.

In addition to identifying students with disabilities residing in their district, each districts "Child Find" identification system shall identify highly mobile children with disabilities, such as migrant

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

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

“It shall be the policy of this LEA that an IEP, or an IFSP that meets the requirements of 20 USC Section 1436 (d), is developed, implemented, reviewed, and revised for each child with a disability who requires special education and related services in accordance with 20 USC Section 1414 (d). It shall be the policy of this LEA that a of an IEP will be conducted on at least an annual basis to review a student’s progress and make appropriate revisions.” The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

The Governing Board of each participating LEA shall provide educational alternatives that afford students with disabilities full educational opportunities. Students with disabilities shall receive a FAPE in the least restrictive environment as required by law.
The Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee shall implement the SELPA Procedural Guide. The Procedural Guide outlines the composition of the IEP team, and sets forth procedures regarding the development, review, and revision of the IEP.
The specifics of the IEP process are set out in CEO Administrative Regulation 3

5. Least Restrictive Environment: USC Section 1412(a)(5)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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 classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the general educational environment, occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and

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services cannot be achieved satisfactorily." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

6. Procedural Safeguards: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(6)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA that children with disabilities and their parents shall be afforded all procedural safeguards according to state and federal laws and regulations." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

In order to protect the rights of students with disabilities, the Charter LEA shall follow all procedural safeguards as required by law. Parents/guardians shall receive written notice of their rights in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.
Note: Education Code 56195.8 authorizes the policy to include provisions for involving Charter LEA Board members in any due process hearing procedure activities.

7. Evaluation: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(7)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA that a reassessment of a child with a disability shall be conducted at least once every three years or more frequently, if appropriate." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

The Charter CEO or designee shall ensure that the IEP team:
1. Reviews the IEP periodically, but at least annually, to determine whether the annual goals for the student are being achieved and the appropriateness of placement

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2. Revises the IEP, as appropriate, to address:
- a. Any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general curriculum, where appropriate
 - b. The results of any reassessment conducted pursuant to Education Code 56381
 - c. Information about the student provided to or by the parents/guardians regarding review of evaluation data (34 CFR 305(a)(2) and Education Code 56381(b).)
 - d. The student's anticipated needs
 - e. Any other relevant matters

8. Confidentiality: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(8)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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, non-academic programs, and services available to non-disabled children." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

The Charter LEA Governing Board recognizes the importance of keeping accurate, comprehensive student records as required by law. Procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of student records shall be consistent with state and federal law. The Charter CEO or designee shall establish regulations governing the identification, description and security of student records, as well as timely access for authorized persons. These regulations shall ensure parental rights to review, inspect and copy student records. In addition, the regulations will ensure and shall protect the privacy rights of student and the student's family. The Charter CEO or designee shall designate a certificated employee to serve as custodian of records for student records at the Charter LEA level. At each school, the principal or a certificated designee shall act as custodian of records for students enrolled at that school. The custodian of records shall be responsible for implementing Board policy and administrative regulation regarding student records. (5 CCR § 431)

9. Part C to Part B Transition: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(9)

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Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA that children participating in early intervention programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, and who will participate in preschool programs, experience a smooth and effective transition to preschool programs in a manner consistent with 20 USC Section 1437(a)(9). The transition process shall begin prior to the child's third birthday."The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

Charter schools in the El Dorado Charter SELPA currently do not serve students in Part C or preschool students. If students are transitioning from preschool to a Charter LEA and are eligible for Part B services, the Charter LEA will participate to ensure a smooth and effective transition between programs.

10. Private Schools: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(10)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

11. Local Compliance Assurances: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(11)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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"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 IDEA; the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 of Public Law; and the provisions of the California *EC*, Part 30." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

12. Interagency: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(12)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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 free appropriate public education are provided, including the continuation of services during an interagency dispute resolution process." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

13. Governance: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(13)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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"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 Education Agency." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

If "NO," provide a brief description of the SELPA's policy related to the provision of law:

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14. Personnel Qualifications

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"It shall be the policy of this LEA to ensure that personnel providing special education related services are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, and 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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

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

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

16. Participation in Assessments: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(16)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA that all students with disabilities shall participate in state and district-wide assessment programs described in 20 USC Subsection 6311. The IEP team determines how a student will access assessments with or without accommodations, or access alternate assessments where necessary and as indicated in their respective Reps.." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as

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Yes No

17. Supplementation of State, Local, and Federal Funds: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(17)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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"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, and will be used to supplement and not to supplant state, local, and other federal funds." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

18. Maintenance of Effort: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(18)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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Document Location:

"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 laws and regulations." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

19. Public Participation: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(19)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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

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comply with Part B of the IDEA." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

20. Suspension and Expulsion: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(22)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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"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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

21. Access to Instructional Materials: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(23)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

22. Over-identification and Disproportionality: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(24)

Policy/Procedure Number:

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Document Location:

"It shall be the policy of this LEA to prevent the inappropriate over-identification or disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of children as children with disabilities." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

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Yes No

23. Prohibition on Mandatory Medicine: 20 USC Section 1412(a)(25)

Policy/Procedure Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

"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." The policy is adopted by the SELPA as stated:

Yes No

Administration of Regionalized Operations and Services

Pursuant to *EC* sections 56195.7(c), 56205(a)(12)(B), 56368, and 56836.23, describe the regionalized operation and service functions. Descriptions must include an explanation of the direct instructional support provided by program specialists; and the respective roles of the RLA/AU, the SELPA administrator, and the individual LEAs associated with the SELPA. Information provided should include the reference number, document title, and the location (e.g., SELPA office) for each function:

1. Coordination of the SELPA and the implementation of the local plan:

Reference Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

As members of the El Dorado County Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), (hereinafter referred to as Charter SELPA), each charter (as identified by the CDS (County, District, School) code issued by the State Board of Education) is considered an LEA (Local Education Agency) for purposes of special education.

The Charter SELPA further recognizes its' members as single charter partners or organization partners. Single Charter Partner is defined as an entity with one charter CDS code. An Organization Partner is an entity with multiple charters (CDS codes) as members of the Charter

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SELPA. An entity is defined as an organization with one governing board or one CEO (Chief Executive Officer) position. The title of CEO may differ by organization, but the intent is that final decision making in the organization is vested in one leadership position.

As members of the Charter SELPA, each Charter SELPA LEA (Local Education Agency) desires to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to all school aged K-12 individuals with disabilities, who are enrolled in the charter, including children who have been suspended or expelled or placed by the charter LEA in a nonpublic school or agency services. The SELPA will provide technical support to any Charter LEAs identified as the DOR for students age 18 to 21 who are incarcerated in a county jail and remaining eligible for special education to assist in meeting their obligation. The SELPA may facilitate collaboration with the county jails as requested.

Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)

In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the charter LEA participates as a member of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA).

The Charter SELPA Local Plan is approved by the Charter CEO Council and reviewed by the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools. Amendments to the Local Plan to revise LEA membership (additions) shall be approved by the Charter SELPA Selection Committee. Prior to Selection Committee approval, new LEA members shall be approved through the selection process as identified in Policy 22 and AR 22. Termination of membership shall be approved through the termination process as identified in Policy 26 or Policy 27. All membership changes shall be communicated with the Charter SELPA CEO Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Charter CEO Council will hold the required public hearings and approve the Annual Service Plan and the Annual Budget Plan. Notice of the public hearings shall be posted as required by law.

Upon entry into the Charter SELPA, the Governing Board for each LEA charter shall approve the Charter SELPA Local Plan and the Agreement for Participation.

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Material changes to the Local Plan, other than for membership changes, shall be approved by the Charter SELPA CEO Council and reviewed by the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools.

The Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee of the charter LEA shall extend the charter LEA's full cooperation to the SELPA. The policies and procedures of the Charter SELPA shall be applied as policies and regulations to all participating charter LEAs.

Charter SELPA policies and administrative regulations are approved by the Charter SELPA CEO Council.

The Charter SELPA shall administer a local plan and administer the allocation of funds. (Education Code 56195). The Charter SELPA CEO Council shall approve all allocation plan decisions that impact the allocation of funds.

2. Coordinated system of identification and assessment:

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A student shall be referred for special educational instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and used where appropriate. (Education Code 56303) The Charter LEAs shall not determine that a student is eligible for special education if the dominant factor for finding eligibility is lack of appropriate instruction in reading, lack of instruction in mathematics, or limited English Proficiency (20 U.S.C. § 1414(b)(5); Ed. Code, § 56329, subd. (a)(2).) All referrals for special education and related services from school staff shall include a brief reason for the referral and description of the regular program resources that were considered and/or modified for use with the student, and their effect. (5 CCR § 3021.) Within 15 days of a referral for initial assessment the LEA shall provide student's parent/guardian with a notice of parental rights and a written proposed assessment plan. The 15-day period does not include days between the student's regular school session or term, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days from the date of receipt of the referral. The proposed assessment plan shall meet all of the following requirements: (Education Code 56321) 1. Be in a language easily

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understood by the general public 2. Be provided in the native language of the parent/guardian or other mode of communication used by the parent/guardian unless it is clearly not feasible 3. Explain the types of assessment to be conducted 4. State that no individualized education program (IEP) will result from the assessment without parent/guardian consent Upon receiving the proposed assessment plan, the parent/guardian shall have at least 15 days to decide whether or not to consent to the initial assessment. The assessment may begin as soon as informed parental consent is received by the respective Charter LEAs. The Charter LEAs shall not interpret parent/guardian consent for initial assessment as consent for initial placement or initial provision of special education services. (Education Code 56321; 34 CFR 300.505) However, an individualized education program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year as determined by each Charter LEA's school calendar for each pupil for whom a referral has been made 30 days or less prior to the end of the regular school year. In the case of pupil school vacations, the 60-day time shall recommence on the date that pupil schooldays reconvene. A meeting to develop an initial individualized education program for the pupil shall be conducted within 30 days of a determination that the pupil needs special education and related services pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 300.343 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. (Education Code 56344) If a parent/guardian refuses to consent to the initial evaluation or failed to respond to the request to provide consent, the Charter LEAs may pursue an evaluation by utilizing the mediation and due process procedures found at 20 USC § 1415 and in accordance with Education Code, sections 56501, subd. (a) (3), and 56506, subd. (e). See BP/AR 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education) In the event that authorized parent does not consent to an initial evaluation the Charter LEAs shall not be considered in violation of the requirement to provide FAPE. In addition, the Charter LEAs is not required to convene an IEP team meeting or to develop an IEP for that child. (20 USC § 1414(a)(1).) Informed parental consent means that the parent/guardian: 1. Has been fully informed of all information relevant to the activity for which consent is sought, in his/her native language or other mode of communication 2. Understands and agrees, in writing, to the assessment 3. Understands that the granting of consent is voluntary on his/her part and may be revoked at any time (34 CFR § 300.500) If the student is a ward of the state and is not residing with his/her parents/guardians, the Charter LEAs shall make reasonable efforts to obtain informed consent from the parent/guardian as defined in 20 USC, section 1401 for an initial evaluation to determine whether the student is a student with a disability. (20 USC §

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1414(a)(1)) The Charter LEAs shall not be required to obtain informed consent from the parent/guardian of a student for an initial evaluation to determine whether the student is a student with a disability if any of the following situations exists 1. Despite reasonable efforts to do so, the Charter LEAs cannot discover the whereabouts of the parent/guardian of the student. 2. The rights of the parent/guardian of the student have been terminated in accordance with California law. 3. The rights of the parent/guardian to make educational decisions have been subrogated by a judge in accordance with California law and consent for an initial evaluation has been given by an individual appointed by the judge to represent the student. (Education Code 56301; 20 USC 1414(a)(1)) As part of the assessment plan, the parent/guardian shall receive written notice that: 1. Upon completion of the administration of tests and other assessment materials, an IEP team meeting that includes the parent/guardian or his/her representative shall be scheduled pursuant to Education Code, section 56341. At this meeting, the team shall determine whether or not the student is a student with disabilities as defined in Education Code, section 56026 and shall discuss the assessment, the educational recommendations, and the reasons for these recommendations. A copy of the assessment report and the documentation of determination of eligibility shall be given to the parent/guardian. 2. If the parent/guardian disagrees with an assessment obtained by the Charter LEAs, the parent/guardian has the right to obtain, at public expense, an independent educational assessment of the student from qualified specialists, in accordance with 34 CFR §300.502. If the Charter LEAs observed the student in conducting its assessment, or if its assessment procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to the independent educational assessment. This equivalent opportunity shall apply to the student's current placement and setting as well as observation of the Charter LEA's proposed placement and setting, regardless of whether the independent educational assessment is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing proceeding. 3. The Charter LEAs may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to Education Code 56500- 56508 to show that its assessment is appropriate. If the final decision resulting from the due process hearing is that the assessment is appropriate, the parent/guardian maintains the right for an independent educational assessment but not at public expense. If the parent/guardian obtains an independent educational assessment at private expense, the results of the assessment shall be considered by the Charter LEAs with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student, and may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing regarding the student. If the Charter LEAs observed the student in conducting its assessment, or if its

assessment procedures make it permissible to have in-class observation of a student, an equivalent opportunity shall apply to an independent educational assessment of the student in the student's current educational placement and setting, if any, proposed by the Charter LEAs, regardless of whether the independent educational assessment is initiated before or after the filing of a due process hearing. 4. If a parent/guardian proposes a publicly financed placement of the student in a nonpublic school, the Charter LEAs shall have an opportunity to observe the proposed placement and, if the student has already been unilaterally placed in the nonpublic school by the parent/guardian, the student in the proposed placement. Any such observation shall only be of the student who is the subject of the observation and may not include the observation or assessment of any other student in the proposed placement unless that student's parent/guardian consents to the observation or assessment. The results of any observation or assessment of another student in violation of Education Code, section 56329(d) shall be inadmissible in any due process or judicial proceeding regarding the free appropriate public education of that other student. (Education Code 56329; 34 CFR 300.502) An IEP required as a result of an assessment shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 60 days from the date of the receipt of the parent/guardian's consent for assessment, unless the parent/guardian agrees to an extension in writing. The 60-day period does not include any days between the student's regular school sessions/terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five school days. (Ed Code § 56043)

However, when a referral is made within 30 days of the end of the regular school year, an IEP required as a result of an assessment shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year as determined by each district's school calendar. In the case of school vacations, the 60-day time shall recommence on the date that school reconvenes. (Ed. Code § 56344 (a).) A meeting to develop an initial IEP for the pupil shall be conducted within 30 days of a determination that the pupil needs special education and related services. (Ed. Code §§ 56043(f)(2); 56344 (a).)

Before entering kindergarten or first grade, children with disabilities who are in a preschool program shall be reassessed to determine if they still need special education and services. The IEP teams shall identify a means of monitoring the continued success of children who are determined to be eligible for less intensive special education programs to ensure that gains made are not lost by a rapid removal of individualized programs and supports for these individuals. (Ed. Code § 56445)

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3. Coordinated system of procedural safeguards:

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Under California law, due process hearings pursuant to the IDEA (20 USC 1400-et seq) are held only at the state level. Related rights and procedures for due process are set forth in Education Code §§ 56501et. Seq. and 5 CCR §§ 3080 et. seq. When California law provides greater protections to students and parents, it supersedes federal law. Due process hearing rights extend to the student only if he/she is an emancipated student or a ward or dependent of the court with no available parent or surrogate parent. (Ed. Code § 56501; see AR 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students.)

Informal ADR Process/Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference Before requesting a due process hearing, the Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee of the Charter LEA and a parent/guardian may agree to meet informally to resolve any dispute relating to the identification, assessment or education and placement of a student with disabilities. The Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee shall have the authority to resolve the dispute through an informal alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) process. (Ed. Code § 56502) In addition, either party may file a request with the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a Pre- Hearing Mediation Conference (commonly referred to as “mediation only”) to be conducted by a person designated by the California Department of Education. Based on the Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference, the Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee may resolve the issue(s) in any manner that is consistent with state and federal law, and is to the satisfaction of both parties. (Education Code 56500.3) Attorneys may not attend the Informal ADR session or the Prehearing Mediation Conference. Attorneys may attend, or otherwise participate in, only those mediation conferences that are scheduled pursuant to a request for a due process hearing. (Ed. Code §§ 56500.3, 56501) If the parties do not resolve their dispute through Informal ADR and/or a Pre-Hearing Mediation Conference, either party may file a request for a due process hearing. Due Process Complaint Notice and Hearing Procedures Due process hearing procedures may be initiated by a parent/guardian, the Charter LEA, and/or a student who is emancipated or a ward or dependent of the court, under the following circumstances. 1. There is a

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proposal to initiate or change the identification, assessment or educational placement of the student or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the student 2. There is a refusal to initiate or change the identification, assessment or educational placement of the student or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the student 3. The parent/guardian refuses to consent to an assessment of his/her child; and/ or 4. There is a disagreement between a parent/guardian and the Charter LEA regarding the availability of a program appropriate for the student, including the question of financial responsibility. (20 USC § 1415(b); Education Code 56501) Prior to initiating a due process hearing, the party requesting the hearing, or the party's attorney, must provide the opposing party a confidential due process complaint notice, specifying: 1. The student's name 2. The student's address or, in the case of a student identified as homeless pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11434a(2)), any available contact information for that student 3. The name of the school the student attends 4. A description of the nature of the student's problem relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem 5. A proposed resolution to the problem to the extent known and available to the complaining party at the time (20 USC § 1415(b); 34 CFR § 300.508 (b).) Resolution Session When a parent seeks to initiate a request for due process, before their request is filed, they must provide the Charter LEA with the opportunity to resolve the matter by convening a resolution session, which is a meeting between the parents and the relevant members of the IEP team who have specific knowledge of the facts identified in the due process hearing request. (20 USC § 1415[f][1][B]; 34 CFR § 300.510) The Charter LEA has fifteen (15) days from the date it received the parents' due process hearing request to convene the resolution session. The sessions shall include a representative of the LEA who has decision-making authority and not include an attorney of the school LEA unless the parent is accompanied by an attorney. The parent of the child may discuss the due process hearing issue and the facts that form the basis of the due process hearing request. The resolution session is not required if the parent and the Charter LEA agree in writing to waive the meeting. If the Charter LEA has not resolved the due process hearing issue within thirty (30) days, the due process hearing may occur. If a resolution is reached, the parties shall execute a legally binding agreement. (20 USC § 1415[f][1][B]; 34 CFR § 300.51) A due process complaint must be filed within two years of the date that the parent/guardian or Charter LEA knew or should have known about the situation that forms the basis of the complaint. Response to the Due Process Hearing Request If the Charter LEA has not sent a prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding

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the subject matter contained in the parent/guardian's due process complaint notice, the Charter LEA shall send a response to the parent/guardian within 10 days of receipt of the complaint specifying: 1. An explanation of why the Charter LEA proposed or refused to take the action raised in the complaint 2. A description of other options that the individualized education program (IEP) team considered and the reasons that those options were rejected 3. A description of each evaluation procedure, assessment, record, or report the Charter LEA used as the basis for the proposed or refused action 4. A description of the factors that are relevant to the Charter LEA's proposal or refusal (20 USC 1415(c)(1)) If the Charter LEA sent prior written notice to the parent/guardian regarding the subject matter of the parent/guardian's due process complaint, the Charter LEA may, within 10 days of receipt, send a response specifically addressing the issues in the complaint. (20 USC § 1415(c)(1)) Parties requesting a due process hearing shall file their request with the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designated contracted agency and give a copy of the request, at the same time, to the other party. (Ed. Code § 56502) Prior Written Notice The Charter Chief Executive Officer or designee shall send to parents/guardians of any student with a disability a prior written notice within a reasonable time before: 1. The Charter LEA initially refers the student for assessment 2. The Charter LEA proposes to initiate or change the student's identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of a free, appropriate public education 3. The Charter LEA refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation or educational placement of the student or the provision of a free and appropriate public education 4. The student graduates from high school with a regular diploma (Ed. Code §§ 56500.4, 56500.5; 20 USC § 1415(c); 34 CFR § 300.503) The prior written notice shall include: 1. A description of the action proposed or refused by the Charter LEA 2. An explanation as to why the Charter LEA proposes or refuses to take the action 3. A description of any other options that the IEP team considered and why those options were rejected 4. A description of each evaluation procedure, test, record or report the Charter LEA used as a basis for the proposed or refused action 5. A description of any other factors relevant to the Charter LEA's proposal or refusal 6. A statement that the parents/guardians of the student have protection under procedural safeguards and, if this notice is not an initial referral for evaluation, the means by which a copy of the description of procedural safeguards can be obtained 7. Any resources for parents/guardians to obtain assistance in understanding these provisions (20 USC § 1415(c); 34 CFR § 300.503) Students with disabilities and their parents/guardians shall be provided written notice of their rights in language easily understood by the general public and in the primary language of the parent/guardian or

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other mode of communication used by the parent/guardian, unless to do so is clearly not feasible. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, those rights set forth in Education Code, section 56341. (Ed. Code §§ 56341, 56506; 34 CFR § 300.503) If the native language or other mode of communication of the parent/guardian is not a written language, the Charter LEA shall take steps to ensure that: 1. The notice is translated orally or by other means to the parent/guardian in his/her native language or other mode of communication 2. The parent/guardian understands the contents of the notice 3. There is written evidence that items #1 and #2 have been satisfied (34 CFR § 300.503) Notice of Procedural Safeguards A notice of procedural safeguards shall be made available to parents/guardians of students with a disability once a year and upon: 1. Initial referral for evaluation 2. Each notification of an IEP meeting 3. Reevaluation of the student 4. Registration of a complaint 5. Filing for a pre-hearing mediation conference or a due process hearing (Ed. Code § 56301; 20 USC 1415(d)(1)) The notice of procedural safeguards shall include information on the procedures for requesting an informal meeting, pre-hearing mediation conference, mediation conference, or due process hearing; the timelines for completing each process; whether the process is optional; the type of representative who may be invited to participate; and the right of the parent/guardian and/or the Charter LEA to electronically record the proceedings of IEP meetings in accordance with Education Code 56341. A copy of this notice shall be attached to the student's assessment plan and referred to at each IEP meeting. (20 USC 1415(d)(2); Ed. Code §§ 56321, 56321.5) In addition, the notice of procedural safeguards shall include a full explanation of the procedural safeguards relating to independent educational evaluation; prior written notice; parental consent; access to educational records; opportunity to present complaints to initiate due process hearings; the student's placement while due process proceedings are pending; procedures for students who are subject to placement in an interim alternative educational setting; requirements for unilateral placement by parent/guardians of students in private schools at public expense.(20 USC 1415(d)(2); 34 CFR 300.504)

4. Coordinated system of staff development and parent and guardian education:

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the Charter LEAs in the El Dorado Charter SELPA ensure that all students who require special education will participate in the California Reading Initiative, just as do all other students in the El Dorado Charter LEAs. In order to facilitate that effort, the Charter LEAs assure that special education instructional personnel will participate in staff development inservice opportunities in the area of literacy, including: a. information about current literacy and learning research; b. state-adopted student content standards and frameworks; and c. research-based instructional strategies for teaching reading to a wide range of diverse learners Each of the Charter LEAs will include special education staff in their curriculum materials selection process, in order to support alignment with State standards. Each will also include all special education staff in all staff development on phonemics and phonics, as well as in any additional state or regional training based on new legislation, e.g., the California Reading and Literature Subject Matter Project, the rollouts on the frameworks, AB466 training. The goals of the Charter LEAs are to increase the participation of students with disabilities in statewide student assessments, to increase the percentage of children with disabilities who are literate, and to assure that students with disabilities attain higher standards in reading. In order to reach these goals, we assure that students with disabilities will have full access to: 1. all required core curriculum including state-adopted core curriculum textbooks and supplementary textbooks; and 2. instructional materials and support.

5. Coordinated system of curriculum development and alignment with the core curriculum:

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Curriculum adaptations include accommodations, modifications, and supports that allow a child with a disability access to the general curriculum and assessments. LEAs/districts are responsible for ensuring that each teacher and provider is informed of his or her specific responsibilities related to implementing the child's IEP and the specific accommodations, modifications, and supports that must be provided for the child in accordance with the IEP (34CFR 300.342 (b)(3)).

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6. Coordinated system internal program review, evaluation of the effectiveness of the local plan, and implementation of the local plan accountability system:

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Document Title:

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The Charter SELPA is responsible for monitoring all required areas of compliance with federal, state and Charter SELPA policies. The purpose of all monitoring and oversight activities is to ensure legal and effective LEA practices are in place to meet the needs of students with disabilities. This policy outlines areas of oversight and indicators that may cause the initiation of a Charter SELPA review process. Charter SELPA administration will keep the CEO Council informed of SELPA oversight activities and determinations.

If compliance, performance and/or student population data for an LEA in the Charter SELPA varies significantly from expected results or standards, it may be an early warning for the Charter SELPA to initiate contact. In this case, the Charter SELPA will contact the LEA to confirm the data, discuss any underlying issues which may impact the data, and identify how the Charter SELPA can assist the LEA in any necessary corrective action.

The Charter SELPA will monitor special education practices and data continuously to determine whether practices are in line with the LEA's responsibilities to students with disabilities and SELPA policies. Data will be collected and reviewed by the Charter SELPA. Examples of existing indicators and standards include but are not limited to:

- Identification rate of special education students that is below 4% or greater than 14%
- State Performance Plan Indicators
- Significant swings in enrollment and/or enrollment trends that are not aligned to the LEA's instructional calendar
- Pattern of compliance complaints or due process hearings
- Evidence of exclusionary practices
- Significant and/or abrupt change in leadership or staff
- No/low participation or engagement in the Charter SELPA (CEO Council, Steering Committee, professional development offerings, etc.)
- Unspent funds greater than 25%
- Annual independent audit which shows serious fiscal solvency issues

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or material findings (e.g. findings related to internal control or program compliance, high debt ratios, deficit spending, going concern findings, adequate reserves, and adequate cash)

SELPA REVIEW PROCESS

If one or more of the preceding triggers indicates a potential problem, the Charter SELPA may initiate a program and/or fiscal review. Program and fiscal reviews are facilitated by the appropriate Charter SELPA administrator. Charter SELPA's goal in each review process is to clearly identify the areas of SELPA concern, discuss any underlying issues which may be impacting the findings, and identify how the Charter SELPA can assist the LEA in any necessary corrective action. The Charter SELPA may request additional information as necessary to resolve identified concerns.

When multiple or connected concerns exist, the Charter SELPA may implement an Integrated Review Team (IRT) visit. An Integrated Review Team (IRT) visit consists of Charter SELPA program and business administrators meeting directly with the charter LEA leadership team.

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Whether through a Charter SELPA review process or other source, or if significant matters arise that are potentially harmful to students, demonstrate negligence, may harm the SELPA, or there is a concern that funds are not being spent appropriately for special education, Charter SELPA administration is empowered to act in the best interests of the SELPA as a whole. Such matters include, but are not limited to:

- Pattern of noncompliance with federal, state or Charter SELPA regulations
- Notice of revocation
- Notice of bankruptcy
- FCMAT extraordinary audit
- Annual audit with material findings and identification of operational issues that cause concern regarding the long-term viability of the organization
- Other circumstances that create a concern that a loss to the SELPA is possible or funds are not being spent appropriately for special education

Charter SELPA administration may make a determination and proceed to:

- Notify appropriate public agencies;
- Notify the LEA's governing board;
- Withhold state and/or federal funding;
- Move an LEA to reimbursement-based state funding, requiring

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expenditure reporting prior to cash distribution;
• Require an LEA to submit proof of actual expenditures; and/or
• Initiate termination of membership pursuant to CEO Policy 26.

7. Coordinated system of data collection and management:

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8. Coordination of interagency agreements:

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Pursuant to Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations (17 CCR) Section 52140, LEAs must develop and maintain local interagency agreements with Regional Centers. Agreements must include (as applicable to charter LEAs):

1. The responsibilities of each LEA and Regional Center in meeting the terms of the agreement;
2. Procedures for coordination of child find activities with local public agencies and Regional Centers to identify infants and toddlers who may be eligible for early intervention services;
3. Specific procedures for coordination of referrals for evaluation and assessment;
4. Procedures for the assignment of a service coordinator;
5. Interagency procedures for identifying the responsibilities of the regional center and LEA for completing the evaluation and assessment and determining eligibility within the time requirements contained in Section 52086 of these regulations, when an infant or toddler may receive services from both the Regional Center and LEA;
6. Procedures for the timely exchange of information between Regional Centers and LEAs;
7. Mechanisms for ensuring the availability of contacts at Regional

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Centers and LEAs at all times during the year;
8. Procedures for interagency individualized family service plan (IFSP) development when infants and toddlers may be eligible for early intervention services from the Regional Center and the LEA or other state or local programs or services;
9. Procedures to ensure the provision of services during periods of school vacations when services are required on the IFSP;
10. Transition planning procedures which begin at least six months prior to a toddler's third birthday pursuant to EC Section 52112 of these regulations;
11. Procedures for resolving disputes between regional centers and LEAs;
12. Procedures for the training and assignment of surrogate parents; and
13. Procedures for accepting transfers of infants or toddlers with existing IFSPs.
Local interagency agreements must be dated and signed by representatives of the Regional Center and LEA. Interagency agreements must be reviewed by both parties annually, revised as necessary, dated, and signed by both parties as needed.

9. Coordination of services to medical facilities:

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The SELPA Administrator, or designee, will facilitate the coordination of these services by the designated LEAs and provide technical assistance to the medical facilities and LEAs as appropriate. Role of the individual LEAs: Each individual LEA is responsible for students with disabilities who are placed in a public hospital, state licensed children's hospital, psychiatric hospital, proprietary hospital, or a health facility for medical purposes when the hospital or facility is located within their boundaries, unless based on education code there is another district of special education accountability which would be responsible.

10. Coordination of services to licensed children's institutions and foster family homes:

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11. Preparation and transmission of required special education local plan area reports:

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12. Fiscal and logistical support of the CAC:

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SELPA, meetings may take place through teleconference. For purposes of this section, "teleconference" means a meeting where the members are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio, video, or both.

13. Coordination of transportation services for individuals with exceptional needs:

Reference Number:

Document Title:

Document Location:

Description:

Legal Requirements Regarding Special Education Transportation
Education Code Section 56040(a) states: "Every individual with exceptional needs, who is eligible to receive special education instruction and related services under this part, shall receive that instruction and those services at no cost to his or her parents or, as appropriate, to him or her." Related services means transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education [34 CFR 300.34(a)]. Transportation as a related service includes travel to and from school and between schools, travel in and around school buildings; and specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps), if required to provide special transportation for a child with a disability [34 CFR 300.34(c)(16i-iii)]. LEAs/districts should not automatically assign students to transportation based on the students' disability without considering the students' individual needs and the continuum of placements [Hopkinton (MA) Pub. Schs., 108 LRP 41626 (OCR 2007)]. For students with medical needs, 34 CFR 300.34(a)(ii) limits the responsibility of a public agency to appropriately monitor and maintain medical devices that are needed to maintain the health and safety of the child, including breathing, nutrition, or operation of other bodily functions, while the child is transported to and from school.

14. Coordination of career and vocational education and transition services:

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Special education may include each of the following if the services otherwise meet the definition in the above paragraph: (Education Code 56031) 1. Speech language pathology services, or any other designated instruction and service or related service, pursuant to Education Code 56363, if the service is considered special education rather than designated instruction and service or related service under state standards 2. Travel training 3. Career technical education 4. Transition services for students with disabilities in accordance with 34 CFR 300.43 if provided as specially designed instruction, or a related service, if required to assist a student with disabilities to benefit from special education. Specially designed instruction means adapting, as appropriate to the needs of an eligible student, the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to ensure access of the student to the general curriculum, so that the student can meet the educational standards that apply to all students in the charter LEA. (34 CFR 300.39(b)(3))

15. Assurance of full educational opportunity:

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Description:

Full educational opportunities means that students with disabilities have the right to full educational opportunities to meet their unique needs, including access to a variety of educational programs and services available to non-disabled students. The State must have in effect policies and procedures to demonstrate that the State has established a goal of providing full educational opportunity to all children with disabilities and a detailed timetable for accomplishing that goal. (34 CFR 300.109)

16. Fiscal administration and the allocation of state and federal funds pursuant to *EC* Section 56836.01—The SELPA Administrator's responsibility for the fiscal administration of the annual budget plan; the allocation of state and federal funds; and the reporting and accounting of special education funding.

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The El Dorado County Office of Education is the Responsible Local Agency/Administrative Unit (RLA/AU) for the Charter SELPA. Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code 56030 et seq., the RLA/AU shall receive and distribute regionalized service funds, provide administrative support and coordinate the implementation of the El Dorado Charter Local Plan for Special Education. The RLA/AU shall perform such services and functions required to accomplish the goals set forth in the plan, including development of the Annual Service and Budget Plan. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 56836.01(a)(b)(c) the SELPA RLA/AU will oversee the fiscal administration of the Annual Budget Plan and the allocation of state and federal funds allocated to the special education local plan area for the provision of special education and related services by those entities, in accordance with the Local and Allocation Plans approved by the CEO Council, and be responsible for the reporting and accounting requirements prescribed by this part.

17. Direct instructional program support that maybe provided by program specialists in accordance with *EC* Section 56368:

Reference Number:

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Description:

A program specialist is a specialist who holds a valid special education credential, clinical services credential, health services credential, or a school psychologist authorization and has advanced training and related experience in the education of individuals with exceptional needs and a specialized in-depth knowledge in preschool disabilities, career vocational development, or one or more areas of major disabling conditions.

(b) A program specialist may do all the following:

- (1) Observe, consult with, and assist resource specialists, designated instruction and services instructors, and special class teachers.
- (2) Plan programs, coordinate curricular resources, and evaluate effectiveness of programs for individuals with exceptional needs.
- (3) Participate in each school's staff development, program development, and innovation of special methods and approaches.
- (4) Provide coordination, consultation and program development primarily in one specialized area or areas of his or her expertise.
- (5) Be responsible for assuring that pupils have full educational opportunity regardless of the district of residence.

(c) For purposes of Section 41403, a program specialist shall be

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Special Education Local Plan Area Services

1. A description of programs for early childhood special education from birth through five years of age:

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| Document Location: | <input type="text" value="https://charterselpa.org/governance/"/> |
| Description: | <input type="text" value="Charter schools in the El Dorado Charter SELPA currently do not serve students in Part C or preschool students. If students are transitioning from preschool to a Charter LEA and are eligible for Part B services, the Charter LEA will participate to ensure a smooth and effective transition between programs."/> |

2. A description of the method by which members of the public, including parents or guardians of individuals with exceptional needs who are receiving services under the local plan, may address questions or concerns to the SELPA governing body or individual administrator:

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| Document Title: | <input type="text" value="Public Participation"/> |
| Document Location: | <input type="text" value="https://charterselpa.org/governance/"/> |
| Description: | <input type="text" value="It shall be the policy of the Charter SELPA 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. Per the Charter SELPA Local Plan, policies are adopted by the Charter CEO Council. The Charter SELPA RLA/AU may request input from the Executive Committee as policies are developed. Appropriate notice shall be provided prior to adoption of policies by the Charter SELPA CEO Council. Proposed policies will be posted to the El Dorado Charter SELPA website. This will allow for review and comment by the public, parents of children with disabilities, or individuals with disabilities. Charter CEO Council typically meets twice per year and meetings may take place through teleconference. For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a meeting where the members are in different"/> |

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3. A description of a dispute resolution process, including mediation and final and binding arbitration to resolve disputes over the distribution of funding, the responsibility for service provision, and the other governance activities specified within the local plan:

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4. A description of the process being used to ensure a student is referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized:

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5. A description of the process being used to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and the method of ensuring that all requirements of each student's individualized education program are being met. The description shall include a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress:

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master contract cannot give cause for termination unless the parent/guardian agrees to transfer the student to the public program. The master contract shall include a description of the process being utilized by the Charter LEA to oversee and evaluate placements in the NPS. This description shall include a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress. (Ed. Code 56366) The Charter CEO or designee of an elementary Charter LEA shall notify a high school district of all students placed in NPS or NPA programs prior to the annual review of the IEP for each student who may transfer to the high school district. (5 CCR § 3069.) When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of prescribed course of study as designated in the student's IEP, the district which developed the IEP shall award the diploma. (5 CCR § 3070.)

6. A description of the process by which the SELPA will fulfill the obligations to provide free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to a student age 18 to 21 (or age 22 under the circumstances described in *EC 56026(c)(4)*) who has been incarcerated in a county jail and remains eligible for special education services:

The obligation to make FAPE available extends to those otherwise-eligible adults in county jail, age 18 to 21, who: (a) had been identified as a child with a disability and had received services in accordance with an IEP, but left school prior to their incarceration; or (b) did not have an IEP in their last educational setting, but had actually been identified as a child with a disability. (*EC Section 56040*)

It is the responsibility of the district of residence (DOR) to provide special education services and related services to an adult student in county jail who remains eligible for these services and wishes to receive them. The DOR is the district in which the student's parents resided when the student turned 18, unless and until the parents move to a new DOR. For conserved students, the DOR is based on the residence of the conservator. (*EC Section 56041*)

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are incarcerated in a county jail and remaining eligible for special education to assist in meeting their obligation. The SELPA may facilitate collaboration with the county jails as requested. Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)