

APPOINTMENT OF SURROGATE PARENT

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a child with exceptional needs in accordance with the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) procedures and shall assign adults to serve as surrogate parents. Before individuals are appointed as surrogate parents, the Ventura County SELPA shall ensure -that they have had a criminal background screening and have demonstrated interest in working with children with disabilities, sensitivity to ethnic and cultural factors, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56028 Parent (Definition Includes Surrogate)

56050 Surrogate parents

GOVERNMENT CODE

7579.5 Surrogate Parent; Appointment: Qualifications; Liability

Board Policy Reference:

BP 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan

BP 6159 Individualized Education Programs

BP 6159.1 Procedural Safeguards and Complaints

BP 6159.2 Non Public Non Sectarian School and Agency Services

BP 6164.4 Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs