

Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan

SELPA Desert Mountain SELPA-3601

Fiscal Year 2023–24

**LOCAL PLAN**  
**Section A: Contacts and Certifications**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA**



California Department of Education  
Special Education Division  
2023–24 Local Plan Annual Submission

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## Contact Information and Certification Requirements

A1. Check the box or boxes that best represents the SELPA's Local Plan submission to the California Department of Education (CDE):

- NEW* SELPA (for proposed multiple Local Educational Agency (LEA) SELPA, or COE joined SELPA only)
- Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration
- Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan
- Select if this Local Plan Section D submission was revised after June 30th due date
- Local Plan Section D
  - Certifications 2, 3, 4 and 5 are required
  - Attachments I-V are required
  - If the submission is an amendment of special education revenues and/or expenditures previously reported to the CDE due to changes in services and programs provided by LEAs within the SELPA, then the SELPA must also submit an amendment for Local Plan Section E: Annual Service Plan, along with Attachment VI and VII.
- Local Plan Section E: Annual Service Plan
- Select if this Local Plan Section E submission was revised after June 30th due date
- Local Plan Section E
  - Certifications 2, 3, 4 and 5 are required
  - Attachments I and VI are required
  - If the submission is an amendment of programs and services previously reported to the CDE that affect the allocation of special education funds to LEAs within the SELPA, then the SELPA must also submit an amendment for Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan, along with Attachments II-V and VII.
- Local Educational Agency Membership Changes

A2. SELPA Identification

Enter the 4-digit SELPA code issued by the CDE. SELPA codes can be found on the CDE website located at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/caselpas.asp>.

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A3. SELPA Administrator Contact Information

Enter address information for the SELPA. Include current SELPA administrator contact information. NOTE: SELPA administrator position changes do not require amendments to the Local Plan. However, in such cases the new SELPA administrator assumes the responsibility for the contents and implementation of the last approved Local Plan filed with the CDE.

SELPA Name	<input type="text" value="Desert Mountain SELPA-3601"/>		
Street Address	<input type="text" value="17800 Highway 18"/>	Zip Code	<input type="text" value="92307"/>
City	<input type="text" value="Apple Valley"/>	County	<input type="text" value="San Bernardino"/>
Mailing Address	<input type="text" value="17800 Highway 18"/>		
City	<input type="text" value="Apple Valley"/>	Zip Code	<input type="text" value="92307"/>
Administrator First Name	<input type="text" value="Pamela"/>	Administrator Last Name	<input type="text" value="Bender"/>
Administrator Title	<input type="text" value="Chief Executive Officer"/>		
Administrator's Email	<input type="text" value="pamela.bender@cahelp.org"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text" value="(760) 955-3556"/>	Extension	<input type="text"/>

A4. Administrative Entity (Responsible Local Agency or Person (as applicable) Contact Information

Enter information for the current administrative entity. This is the responsible local agency or, an administrative unit for a multiple LEA SELPA or COE joined SELPA; or an identified responsible person for a single LEA SELPA. In either case, the administrative entity identified is responsible for the implementation and/or fiscal administration of the Local Plan.

Administrative Entity Name	<input type="text" value="San Bernardino County Office of Education"/>		
Street Address	<input type="text" value="601 North E Street"/>	Zip Code	<input type="text" value="92403"/>
City	<input type="text" value="San Bernardino"/>	County	<input type="text" value="San Bernardino"/>
Contact First Name	<input type="text" value="Ted"/>	Last Name	<input type="text" value="Alejandre"/>
Contact Title	<input type="text" value="Superintendent"/>		
Email	<input type="text" value="ted.alejandre@sbcss.net"/>		

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Telephone  Extension

**Special Education Local Plan Area Review Requirements**

Community Advisory Committee

A5. Pursuant to California *Education Code (EC)* sections 56194(a) and (b); and 56205(a)(12)(E) and (b)(7), the SELPA must involve the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at regular intervals during the development and review of each Local Plan section. The SELPA collaborated with the CAC throughout the development, amendment, and review of all Local Plan sections included with this submission?

Yes  No

A6. Pursuant to *EC* Section 56207(b)(7), the Local Plan section(s): Section B: Governance and Administration, Section D: Annual Budget Plan, and Section E: Annual Service Plan must be provided to the CAC for final review 30 days prior to the plan being submitted the CDE.

The Local Plan was submitted to the CAC on:

County Office of Education

A7. Pursuant to *EC* sections 56140, 56195.1(c), and 56205, within 45 days, the COE, or COEs (as applicable) must approve or disapprove any proposed Local Plan, including any amendment submitted by a SELPA within the county or counties. Enter the COE or COEs responsible for, coordinating special education services within a county, reviewing, and approving the Local Plan.

Select the "Add COE" button to add additional COEs as needed. Users may select the "checkbox" next to the COE entry and the "Delete COE" to remove entries as necessary.

COE responsible for approving the Local Plan

Local Plan section(s) was/were provided to the COE(s) listed for approval on

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**Public Hearing Requirements**

Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and Section E: Annual Service Plans

Public Hearing notices must be posted at each school site informing the public of the SELPA Public Hearing for the adoption of Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan, and/or Local Plan Section E: Annual Service Plan at least 15 days before the hearing. Evidence of the posting should be maintained and made available to the CDE upon request.

A8. Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan Public Hearing

Most Recent School Site Posting Date

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A9. Local Plan Section E: Annual Service Plan Public Hearing

Most Recent School Site Posting Date

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**Submitting the Local Plan to the California Department of Education**

STEP 1: Contacts and Certifications

Section A is required when submitting any and all Local Plan sections to the CDE for approval. Certifications and applicable attachments associated with the type of submission identified in item A1 above must be included with each submission.

STEP 2: SELPA Governance Structure

A10. For the purposes of special education, the governing board of a district/charter LEA must elect to participate in a SELPA. The SELPA's governance structure is defined by this election. The SELPA meets requirements and has elected the following governance structure for the Local Plan. Select one of the following three choices:

- Single LEA SELPA: This selection includes only one district LEA (this selection does not include a COE); or
- Multiple LEA SELPA: This selection includes one district or charter LEA together with one or more additional district or charter LEA(s), or a combination thereof (this selection does not include a COE); or
- COE Joined SELPA: A district (or charter) LEA(s) joined with a COE(s) to form a SELPA (this selection includes one or more district or charter LEA(s) *AND* one or more COEs).

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STEP 3: Prior Submissions

A11. Enter the fiscal year of the previously submitted Local Plan section:

Section B: Governance and Administration

Section D: Annual Budget Plan

Section E: Annual Service Plan

STEP 4: Local Plan Collaboration

A12. Many representatives of the community are involved in the development of all sections of a Local Plan. In this table, report the participation of key stakeholders required to participate in regular meetings by *EC* sections 56001(f) and 56192 including administrators, general education teachers, special education teachers, members of the CAC, parents selected by the CAC, or other persons concerned with individuals with exceptional needs. Include the agency, first and last name, the title of each participant who was involved in the collaboration in the development of the Local Plan sections, and the section worked on. Select the "Add" button to insert a new row and the "-" button to delete the corresponding row.

Add	Agency	First and Last Name	Title	Section
-	Allegiance STEAM Academy	Briseida Ramirez Catalan	CAC	Multiple
-	Academy for Academic Excellence	Marcelo Congo	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
-	Adelanto SD	Michael Baird	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
-	CAHELP JPA	Karina Quezada	Other	Multiple
-	DMSSELPA	Jennifer Rountree	Parent	Multiple
-	DMSSELPA	Colette Garland	Parent	Multiple
-	CAHELP JPA	Marina Gallegos	Other	Multiple
-	Silver Valley USD	Cheri Rigdon	CAC	Multiple
-	Options for Youth	Christina Leal	Teacher-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
-	Hesperia USD	Diana Robertson-Ramo	Parent	Multiple

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Add	Agency	First and Last Name	Title	Section
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adelanto SD	Enrique Raygoza	CAC	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apple Valley USD	Susan Bennis	Other	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apple Valley USD	David Wheeler	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helendale SD	Michael Esposito	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Victor Elementary SD	Tanya Benitez	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hesperia USD	Shannon Garibay	Teacher-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bear Valley USD	Lucinda Newton	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lucerne Valley SD	Vici Miller	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trona JUSD	Nicole Yeager	Teacher-Spec. Ed.	Multiple
<input type="checkbox"/>	Needles USD	Jamie Wiesner	Administrator-Spec. Ed.	Multiple

STEP 5: Certifications

A13. Select the check box below to indicate which of the five certifications are being submitted. Include the total number of each type of certification being submitted.

- Certification 1: SELPA Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration
- Certification 2: SELPA Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and Section E: Annual Service Plan
- Certification 3: COE (Required for all SELPA Local Plan Sections B, D, and E)  
 Number Submitted
- Certification 4: CAC (Required for all SELPA Local Plan Sections B, D, and E)
- Certification 5: LEA (Required for all SELPA Local Plan Sections B, D, and E)  
 Number Submitted

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STEP 6: Electronic Signatures

A14. All applicable certifications must be electronically signed and included with the Local Plan.

STEP 7: Final Check

- All certifications submitted to the CDE must be electronically signed.
- Local Plan must be submitted to the CDE using the SELPA's assigned Box.com web address.
- In order to facilitate the timely processing, approval, and distribution of SELPA funding, please submit the Local Plan in the original, CDE-approved format. All templates are coded for the CDE's record keeping purposes.
- Handwritten, scanned, or modified templates remove the coding from the fields and impede the CDE's processing of the Local Plan. In such cases, SELPAs may be required to resubmit handwritten, scanned, or modified Local Plans that are not saved in the original 2022–23 CDE Local Plan Submission template provided, resulting in a delay in approval and funding.



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## Certification 1

### Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration

**IMPORTANT:** Certification 1 is required when the information being submitted to the CDE is related to Local Plan Section B: Governance and Administration.

I certify the attached Governance and Administration Local Plan section has been adopted by all LEA members listed in Attachment I and is the basis for the operation and administration of special education programs. I further assure the agency(ies) represented herein will meet all applicable requirements of state and federal laws, regulations, and state policies and procedures, including compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Title 20 of *United States Code (USC)* 1400 et seq., implementing regulations under; the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 *USC*, Chapter 16 as applicable; the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 *USC*, 12101 et seq.; *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 34, Parts 300 and 303; *EC* Part 30; and the *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Chapter 3, Division 1.

C1-1. I certify the SELPA governance and administrative structure as a:

Single LEA SELPA     Multiple LEA SELPA     COE Joined SELPA

#### For a multiple LEA SELPA or a COE joined SELPA

I certify that joint powers agreements, or other contractual agreements have been developed and are entered into between the multiple LEA SELPA or the COE joined SELPA and entities participating in the Local Plan. These agreements address all requirements of the *EC* Section 56195.1(b) and (c) for the provision of (1) a governance structure and administrative supports necessary for implementation; (2) a system for determining the responsibilities of participating LEA members for educating students with disabilities; and (3) the designation of an administrative entity.

I certify additional written agreements have been developed and are entered into between the multiple LEA SELPA or the COE joined SELPA and all entities participating in the Local Plan pursuant to *EC* Section 56195.7.

All agreements are maintained by the SELPA and will be made available upon request to the CDE.

C1-2. The SELPA collaborated with the CAC throughout the development, amendment, and review of all Local Plan sections included with this submission?

Yes     No    (If the answer is “NO,” please include comments.)

C1-3. The SELPA reviewed and considered comments provided by the CAC regarding this Local Plan submission.

Yes     No    (If the answer is “NO,” please include comments.)

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C1-4. Specific web address where the SELPA Local Plan, including all sections, is posted.

Administrative Entity\*

Date

SELPA Governance Council or Responsible Individual

Date

SELPA Administrator

Date

\*If the Local Plan represents a single LEA SELPA, then the responsible individual identified in item A4 of Section A must sign here. If the Local Plan represents a multiple LEA SELPA, or a COE joined SELPA, then the administrative entity's designee identified in item A4 of Section A must electronically sign here.

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## Certification 2

### Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and Section E: Annual Service Plan

**IMPORTANT:** Certification 2 is required when the information being submitted to the CDE is related to Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and/or Section E: Annual Service Plan.

I certify the attached Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and/or Section E: Annual Service Plan was/were adopted at a SELPA public hearing(s) and is/are the basis for the operation and administration of special education programs specified herein. I further assure the LEAs identified in Attachment I will meet all applicable requirements of state and federal laws, regulations, and state policies and procedures, including compliance with the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*, Title 20 of *United States Code (USC)* 1400 et seq., implementing regulations under; the *Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, 29 *USC*, Chapter 16 as applicable; the *Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, 42 *USC*, 12101 et seq.; *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 34, Parts 300 and 303; *EC Part 30*; and the *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Chapter 3, Division 1.

C2-1. I certify the SELPA governance and administrative structure as a:

Single LEA SELPA     Multiple LEA SELPA     COE Joined SELPA

#### For a multiple LEA SELPA or a COE joined SELPA

I certify that joint powers agreements, or other contractual agreements have been developed and are entered into between the multiple LEA SELPA or the COE joined SELPA and entities participating in the Local Plan. These agreements address all requirements of the *EC Section 56195.1(b)* and (c) for the provision of (1) a governance structure and administrative supports necessary for implementation; (2) a system for determining the responsibilities of participating LEA members for educating students with disabilities; and (3) the designation of an administrative entity.

I certify additional written agreements have been developed and are entered into between the multiple LEA SELPA or the COE joined SELPA and all entities participating in the Local Plan pursuant to *EC Section 56195.7*.

All agreements are maintained by the SELPA and will be made available upon request to the CDE.

C2-2. The SELPA collaborated with the CAC throughout the development, amendment, and review of all Local Plan sections included with this submission?

Yes     No    (If the answer is “NO,” please include comments.)

C2-3. The SELPA reviewed and considered comments provided by the CAC regarding this Local Plan submission.

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Yes  No (If the answer is “NO,” please include comments.)

C2-4. Specific web address where the SELPA Local Plan, including all sections, is posted.

Administrative Entity\*

Date

SELPA Governance Council or Responsible Individual

Date

SELPA Administrator

Date

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