

NORTH INLAND SPECIAL EDUCATION REGION

Special Education Services Information For Parents

The education of a child is a responsibility shared by both the parents and the school. When a child has a disability, that partnership is especially strong. A true partnership is based on equal knowledge and respect. Parents are the ultimate experts on their children. School staff contributes knowledge of programs, services, and curriculum in order to help the child meet their goals. As we recognize each child's strengths and work together to meet their needs, we all invest in the child's success.

Child Find and Referral

How do I know if my school age child might need special education services?

If your child is having difficulty functioning effectively in a general education program without special assistance, then your child might need special education and related services. Public schools also have other services available to assist students who need help. These other services should first be considered, and implemented, if appropriate, before a referral for a special education assessment is indicated.

Assessment

- A comprehensive assessment will be conducted by a team of specialists to determine how a child is functioning in all areas of his/her suspected disability.
- May include intellectual, adaptive behavior, academic, physical, motor, health, speech/language, behavior, assistive technology (AT), and/or emotional development.
- The areas to be assessed will be specified on the assessment plan.

How long does the assessment take?

- Within 15 days after the district receives a written referral, an assessment plan will be developed and submitted to you for your signature.
- Assessments are completed within 60 days, after written parental consent to the assessment plan is received by the district.
- When the assessment is completed, a written report will be developed and discussed with you at the IEP meeting.

NISER Districts

Borrego Springs Unified
Escondido Union
Escondido Union High
Julian Union
Julian Union High

Ramona Unified
San Pasqual Union
Spencer Valley
Valley Center-Pauma Unified
Warner Unified

