



Mid-Cities SELPA

Serving Bellflower, Lynwood, & Paramount School Districts

Child Find

Mid-Cities SELPA is committed to locating and evaluating private school students suspected of having disabilities and to serving students who attend private schools within its boundaries. If you suspect your child has a disability, please complete the request form found on the Mid-Cities SELPA website under Child Find.

Private School Students with Disabilities

In California, children ages 6-18 are required to attend school full time. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may choose to enroll their child in a private school to meet this requirement. Homeschooling that is not associated with a charter school or school district is considered a type of private school, provided Parent(s)/Guardian(s) obtain a private school affidavit through the California Department of Education.

Students with disabilities enrolled in private schools by their parent(s)/guardian(s) do not have an individual right to receive some, or all, the special education and related services they would receive if enrolled in a public school.

What are equitable services and who is eligible for them?

Mid-Cities SELPA provides equitable services through an Individual Service Plan (ISP) for students ages 3-22 who are eligible for special education and related services, and attend a private school located within its boundaries. If your child attends a private school located in another school district's boundaries, that district or SELPA will provide the ISP.

Equitable services are supports offered to students eligible for special education who are parentally placed in private schools within the Mid-Cities SELPA's boundaries. Equitable services are provided by credentialed special education service providers.

Examples of equitable services offered: Consultation between a special education provider and private school personnel regarding instructional strategies, accommodations, positive behavioral supports, and best practices for students with disabilities. Consultation may occur in-person or via phone, email, or virtual platform.

What if my child needs accommodations but isn't eligible for special education?

If your child resides within Mid-Cities SELPA's boundaries, you may request an evaluation to determine if your child has a qualifying disability under Section 504. To make that request, please complete the request form found on the Mid-Cities SELPA website under Child Find. If your child is eligible under Section 504 and enrolls in Mid-Cities SELPA Member District, the District will develop a Section 504 Plan to provide accommodations. Some private schools have a separate obligation to develop a Section 504 Plan for your child. Please contact your private school for more information.

Additional Information:

If you are interested in having your child evaluated for special education, receive services through an IEP or ISP, or would like the District to conduct a 504 evaluation, please visit the Mid-Cities SELPA website at mid-citiesselpa.org to fill out the Private School Special Education Service Request Form under Child Find.

For questions regarding services for private school students with disabilities, please contact:

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