

Federal Assurance Policy

Special Education Local Plan

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PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

It shall be the policy of this LEA to ensure that personnel providing special education related services meet the highly qualified requirements as defined under federal law, including 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 CDE about staff qualifications.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

56205(a)(13), 56058, 56059

FEDERAL REFERENCES

20 USC 1412(a)(14)

Federal Assurance Administrative Regulations

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Special Education Teachers

Special education teachers providing instructional services shall meet the same “highly qualified” requirements outlined in No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Related Personnel

All related services personnel will maintain appropriate certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements that apply to the professional discipline in which they are providing special education or related services.

Para-professionals

Para-professionals who are appropriately trained and supervised in accordance with State Law may be used to assist in the provision of special education and related services to children with disabilities. Para-professionals who assist students in core curriculum areas shall meet NCLB requirements.

Legal References

EDUCATION CODE

56058, 56205(a)(12)(E)(13)

FEDERAL REFERENCE

CFR 300.156