



Child Find Policy

Participating Humboldt – Del Norte Local Education Agencies (LEAs): Arcata, Big Lagoon Union School District, Blue Lake Union School District, Bridgeville School District, Cuddeback Union School District, Cutten School District, Del Norte Unified School Districts, Eureka City Schools, Ferndale Unified School District, Fieldbrook School District, Fortuna Elementary School District, Fortuna Union High School District, Freshwater School District, Garfield School District, Green Point School District, Hydesville School District, Jacoby Creek School District, Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Kneeland School District, Loleta Union School District, Maple Creek School District, Mattole Unified School District, McKinleyville Union School District, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, Northern United – Humboldt Charter School, Orick School District, Pacific Union School District, Pacific View Charter 2.0, Peninsula Union School District, Rio Dell School District, Scotia Union School District, South Bay Union School District, Southern Humboldt Unified School District, Trinidad Union School District

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The Humboldt Del Norte SELPA) recognizes that all individuals with disabilities residing in the SELPA including pupils with disabilities who are enrolled in elementary and secondary schools and private schools, including parochial schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, shall be identified, located, and assessed as required by law.

The SELPA Special Education Procedural Manual outlines the procedures for referral for special education including child find, which addresses the relationships among identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation and review.

The procedures include, but are not limited to, written notification of all parents of their rights under the law, and the procedure for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals with exceptional needs. Parents shall be given a copy of their rights and procedural safeguards upon initial referral for assessment, upon notice of an individualized education program meeting or reassessment, upon filing a complaint and upon filing for a prehearing mediation conference pursuant to Ed Code Section 56500.3 or a due process hearing request pursuant to Ed Code Section 56502.

The district where the Licensed Children's Institute (LCI)/Foster Family Home is located (DOL) will act as the Local Educational Agency and assume responsibility for search and serve requirements of IDEA for special education students placed in Licensed Children's Institution (LCI) placements and foster family homes by other public agencies, (e.g. Department of Human Services, including Aid to State Adoptions, Department of Probation, Department of Drug and Alcohol, or Regional Center). The district of location is not precluded from assuming responsibility for a nonpublic school student who is in the process of transitioning to a different district's program. (Ed. Code § 56156.4)

All member local education agencies under the Humboldt-Del Norte SELPA will adhere to the child find policy and procedures.

Legal Authority:

Education Code 56301

20 USC 1412 (a)(3)(A) and (a)(10)(ii)