



CONTRA COSTA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA CAN HELP!

Do You Have Questions About Special Education Services or Procedures?

Contra Costa SELPA is a state-mandated organization that oversees education services for students with disabilities in 15 school districts and the county office of education. Our role is to ensure that the specialized educational needs of each disabled student in our districts are appropriately met.

The Contra Costa SELPA...

- Distributes funding to districts
- Supports compliance with state and federal laws
- Provides professional development opportunities
- Provides Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Serves as a resource to families
- Provides program assistance to districts

To find out more about our services, check our website at www.ccselpa.org.

What services does SELPA provide?

- Program Specialist services for placement and IEP development
- Consultation to districts
- Professional development training
- Facilitated IEP meetings
- Resource Parent program
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Information and referral services
- Funding for specialized equipment for blind, deaf and orthopedically impaired students
- Forms and publications
- Monitoring of Local Plan compliance
- Supports/provides Special Education Information System (SEIS)



The mission of the Contra Costa SELPA is Collaborative Planning for Student Success through participation of families, Local Education Agencies and other organizations.

What can I expect at an IEP Team meeting?

Your child's teacher, special education provider, and a district representative will be there. The chairperson will lead the discussion through the following steps:

- Introductions
- Purpose of the meeting
- Assessment results
- Determination of eligibility
- Progress on previous goals and objectives
- Present levels of performance
- New goals and objectives
- Services required
- Placement
- Accommodations
- Participation in State Testing Program
- Consideration of special factors
- Set next review date

What services are available in my district?

Federal and State laws mandate that the school district provide educational services that your child requires in order to benefit from his special education program. Districts are not required to provide every service at every school, however. To the greatest extent possible, your child will receive required educational services at his neighborhood school. Some children may receive services at other schools.

Who could answer my questions?

Your best source for information on your child's education is always the teacher or special education service provider. For questions about special education services, contact your school principal, program manager or special education director. For questions about Special Education policy or requirements, contact the SELPA Program Specialist assigned to your school district, or the SELPA Coordinator. They can be reached at 925 827-0949.

Where can I go for more information on Special Education?

If you don't already have a copy of the Parent Handbook, check the SELPA website 'Publications' section for a copy and links to State and Federal sources and interactive databases at www.ccselpa.org.

Where can I find out about family resources?

Check the SELPA website 'Resources' section for our Community Advisory Committee's list of family resources, your link to family-friendly service providers in the community

How can I get involved?

Most special education programs welcome volunteers. Check with your child's teacher for opportunities at the school. SELPA encourages family participation as partners in many of our Staff Development activities and in our Alternative Dispute Resolution program. Community Advisory Committee meetings and our Governance Council Meetings are open for public comment and parent participation. Please contact the SELPA office for more information on these topics.



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Contra Costa SELPA membership includes the following sixteen LEAs in Contra Costa County: Acalanes, Antioch, Brentwood, Byron, Canyon, Contra Costa County Office of Education, John Swett, Knightsen, Lafayette, Liberty, Martinez, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pittsburg and Walnut Creek.