

**SPECIAL EDUCATION – IDENTIFICATION,
REFERRAL, AND ASSESSMENT**

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Child Find

The Tulare County/District SELPA recognizes the need to actively seek out and evaluate children (birth through age 21) residing in Tulare County who have disabilities in order to provide them with appropriate educational opportunities in accordance with state and federal law.

The Tulare County/District SELPA shall develop processes to determine if an individual is eligible for special education services and shall establish systematic procedures for special education program identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review and triennial assessment.

The SELPA shall develop a method to ensure that all eligible individuals residing within the SELPA are currently receiving needed special education and related services. The SELPA shall consult with appropriate representatives of private school students with disabilities on how to identify, locate and evaluate these students.

The SELPA shall establish a method whereby parents/guardians, teachers, appropriate professionals and others may refer an individual for assessment for special education services. Identification procedures shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students with needs that cannot be met with modifications to the regular instructional program.

For assessment purposes, staff shall use appropriate tests to identify specific information about the individual's abilities in accordance with EC 56320 and complete an assessment report in accordance with EC 56327.

Districts within the SELPA shall notify parents/guardians in writing of their rights related to identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, including the districts procedures for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals who need special education services.

References:

EC 56205(a)(3),
EC 56320,
EC 5632720 USC 1412(a)(3)(A-B)34 CFR 300.125

Tulare County/District SELPA Policy Handbook
Child Find Brochures/Posters – Do you know a child with special needs?
Tulare County/District SELPA website: www.tulareseelpa.org
Public TV/Radio Advertisements
Newspaper Announcement

Other:

Annual adoption of Child Find Plan
Community presentations by staff
Community Advisory Committee