

TULARE COUNTY/DISTRICT SELPA	POLICY #	7350
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Nonpublic Schools and Agencies

It is the intent of the Tulare County/District Special Education Local Plan Area to provide for the needs of all students within its jurisdiction who have been identified as individuals with exceptional needs.

When a request has been received by the Administrator of the SELPA for services claimed not to be available within the SELPA, the Administrator of the SELPA shall investigate to determine whether or not services are available within the SELPA. Where reasonable service to meet the individual needs of the student are not available, assignment will be considered to a California State Department certified nonpublic school or agency.

Program placement shall be as close to the child’s home as possible. Out-of-state placements are deemed appropriate only after the Administrator of the SELPA has exhausted every possibility to locate an appropriate program within the state.

Final approval for a private school assignment rests with the Administrator of the Special Education Local Plan Area. The Administrator may present the decisions to the Superintendents Governance Committee for its recommendation.

All individuals with exceptional needs placed in nonpublic school programs have the same rights and protections as children receiving an education directly from a Local Education Agency within the Special Education Local Plan Area.

The nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall meet standards as prescribed by the superintendent and board and meet the regulations for State certification found in CCR Title V, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1 before a master contract is negotiated. The SELPA Administer shall be responsible for the negotiation of the master contract between the public education agency and the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency.

References: EC 56205; 56034; 56360; 56361; 56365-56366.3; 56836.20 – 56836.21
34 CFR 300.400. – 300.403